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The following additions and corrections to Austin are by no means exhaustive, but are certain matters which the compiler has come across in the course of his searches into Rhode Island family history. Some of these are already in print, others are here presented for the first time. In connection with New Shoreham families it should be noted that some of the earlier dates given by both Austin and Arnold are at fault, owing to the peculiar way in which the first town clerk made his 7, easily misread as a 9; the result is that a number of persons born between 1670 and 1680 are listed as being born between 1690 and 1700.

ACRES (p. 1, 1st col.). Deed dated 16 Oct. 1674, of John Acres of New Shoreham of land in that town to "my loving brother, John Rathbone now of Hammersmith on Rhode Island" (New Shoreham Deeds). Hammersmith was the Brenton estate in the Southwesterly part of Newport.

AUDLEY (p. 5, 1st col.). John of Newport. Undoubtedly identical with John, born at Boston 3:12 mo.: 1641, the son of John Odlin or Audley, the Boston armourer and his wife Margaret (*cf.* Pope's *Pioneers* p. 334).

BAILEY (p. 9, 2nd col.). Edward of Newport and Tiverton. On 16 May 1717, Edward and John Bailey of Tiverton discharged Joel Lake and Sarah his wife of their obligation to support "Frances, wife of Edward Bailey of Tiverton late deceased," and the same day Joel Lake and wife Sarah of Tiverton sold 17 acres, "which did formerly belong to our father Edward Bailey at his decease" (Bristol Co. Deeds, Bk. X, pp. 644, 646).

BALL. Edward (p. 11, 1st col.). He is perhaps the Edward Ball who was a fisherman on the Maine coast 1660-1667 (*cf.* Libby's Gen. Dic. Maine and N. H., Pt. 2, p. 73).

Mary (2nd col.) married Edward Hall (Henry¹) of Westerly, R. I. Elizabeth married John Hall (Henry¹) of Westerly (*cf.* N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg., Vol. 87, pp. 354, 356; Austin, p. 90).

BORDEN. Richard (p. 23, 1st col.) was of Headeorn and Cranbrook, co. Kent, son of Matthew and Joan (——) Borden, bapt. at Headeorn 22 Feb. 1595/6, married at Headeorn 28 Sept. 1625 Joan dau. of Richard Fowle of Frittenden and Headeorn.

Richard (2nd col.), bapt. Headeorn 9 July 1626; died young; Thomas, bapt. Headeorn 3 Oct. 1627; Francis, bapt. Cranbrook 23 Dec. 1628; Mary, bapt. Cranbrook 13 Jan. 1632/3; Elizabeth, bapt. Cranbrook 25 May 1634, died young. (The remaining children born in Rhode Island.) (N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg., Vol. 84, pp. 226-229.)

BUTTS. Thomas (p. 34, 1st col.) married Elizabeth daughter of Henry Lake of Dorchester, Mass., and Portsmouth, R. I.

Zaccheus (2nd col.) married about 1693 Sarah, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Earle) Cornell. Zaccheus died before 21 Aug. 1712 and his widow married 2ndly, 25 Aug. 1712, John Cole of Swansea. She died 16 Jan. 1748/9.

Moses (2nd col.) married about 1695 Alice, daughter of Thomas Lake of Dartmouth, who was born 6 Dec. 1677 (Am. Gen. July 1935, pp. 19, 24, 20).

CARR. Mercy (p. 37, 2nd col.) married Capt. Thomas Paine of Jamestown. Capt. Thomas Paine, a quasi privateer, arrived in Newport in 1689 with a forged commission from the Lieut. Gov. of Jamaica. Prior to this he had been engaged in piratical activities on the Florida coast ("Pirates' Who's Who"). He was commissioned 1689 by the Gov. of Rhode Island to go out against the French, who under a privateer captain named "Peckar" had captured New Shoreham (Block Island). He defeated the French whose captain was an old friend of Paine and had sailed with him on some common enterprises on the Spanish Main (Niles' "Hist. of the Ind. Wars"). Esquemelling mentions a Capt. Picquart, who was with Lolonois at the sack of Maracaibo. It is suggested that Capt. Picquart equals Capt. Peckar and that Paine was with Lolonois at Maracaibo. After his victory off Block Island, Paine settled at Jamestown. He was one of the founders of Trinity Church at Newport. Just before he was apprehended, Capt. Kidd visited his old friend, Capt. Paine, at Jamestown and left certain monies with Mrs. Paine (Cal. of State Papers Am. & West Indies). Paine died *s.p.* in 1714. His will, dated 8 June 1714, left his property suc-

cessively to John, Thomas and Samuel, sons of his brother, Andrew Paine. John came to Jamestown where he is described as a "marriner" in 1717. He married and left issue (Jamestown Probate and Deeds).

Caleb (2nd col.). His wife, Deborah, was undoubtedly the daughter of John and Mary (Williams) Sayles of Providence or else of Richard Sayles of that town, probably a brother of John (Am. Gen., April 1939).

CLARKE (p. 43, 1st col.). Carew (Thomas³, John², John¹, ? John) came from Westhorpe, co. Suffolk, and was baptized there on 17 Feb. 1602/3, the son of Thomas and Rose (Kerich) Clarke of Westhorpe. He derived his given name from the family of his grandmother, Katherine Cooke alias Carew (N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg., Vol. 75, pp. 278-279).

Jeremiah (William, James, George, John, &c) (p. 44, 1st col.) was a citizen and merchant from London. Bapt. at East Farleigh, co. Kent, on 1 Dec. 1605, the son of William, gent., of East Farleigh and St. Botolph Aldgate, London, by his wife Mary, daughter of Sir Jerome Weston, Baron of the Exchequer and sister of Richard Weston, 1st Earl of Portland, Lord High Treasurer of England (Clarke Genealogy by Justice).

Dr. John (p. 45, 1st col.), brother of Carew, bapt. at Westhorpe 8 Oct. 1609. Married 1st, Elizabeth, daughter of John Harris, lord of the manor of Westlingworth, co. Beds. (cf. V. C. H. Beds. "Wrestlingworth"). The will of Dr. John names his cousin Fiske (not Fish) and her children. Margaret Clarke, sister of Dr. John, married, as his 1st wife, Nicholas Wyeth of Cambridge, Mass., and had Sarah, who married on 11 Dec. 1651 John Fiske of Watertown and had issue (cf. Bond's Watertown and N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg., Vol. 75, p. 279).

Joseph (p. 47, 1st col.), brother of Dr. John, bapt. at Westhorpe 16 Dec. 1618.

Thomas (p. 47, 1st col.), brother of Carew, Dr. John and Joseph, bapt. at Westhorpe 31 March 1605.

COGGESHALL. John (p. 49, 1st col.), gent., bapt. at Halstead, co. Essex, 9 Dec. 1601, son of John, gent., of Halstead, and Anne, his wife, daughter of Pierce Butter, clothier of Dedham and Colchester, co. Essex. His gravestone at Newport, R. I., erected many years after his death, overstates his age by ten years. He was a merchant at Sibel Headingham prior to his emigration. Taxed at Sibel Headingham 17 Dec. 1628. On 1 June 1629 he, together with his wife Mary and John Warman and wife Sarah, sold land by fine in Halstead and Sibel Headingham, probably the inheritance of the wives. There is a brass in Halstead Church to his aunt, Elizabeth Coggeshall, wife of

the Rev. John Watson, vicar of Halstead. His grandfather, John Coggeshall, gent., had been a merchant at London and was a clothier at Halstead, where he owned and lived in "Monchensies House" (later called "Blue Bridge House"), a capital messuage on the Halstead-Colchester Road. His arms appear in the architrave of an alms house in Halstead built by him in 1563, viz. "Silver a cross between 4 escollops sable." The ancestry of this first John for a number of generations will be made public by this compiler at a later date.

John (2nd col.), born about 1620. Married 3rdly, Mary, widow of Samuel Sturgis of Yarmouth, Mass., and daughter of Capt. William Hedge, Sr. She was born at Yarmouth in 1648.

Anne, bapt. Castle Headingham 7 May 1626. Add Mary, bapt. 22 June 1628, and James bapt. there 14 March 1629/30. Died young. Both were alive 16 April 1645. (N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg., Vol. 73, pp. 19-32.)

CORNELL (pp. 54-55, 1st col.). Will of Rebecca, widow of Thomas, dated 2 Sept. 1664, proved 1673. Gave her Portsmouth lands to son Thomas and his eldest son Thomas and his wife Elizabeth. To son Richard, land at Acushnet and Accoxet in Dartmouth (now New Bedford and Westport, Mass.). Bequest to son William. To sons John, Samuel and Joshua, lands at Accoxet. To daughter Sarah, lands in the Bronx (New York). To daughter Anne and her husband Thomas (i.e. Thomas Kent), ten acres in Portsmouth. To daughter Rebecca, land in the Bronx. Bequests to daughters Elizabeth and Mary. The will disposes of a considerable amount of plate. (Original will among unrecorded papers at the Portsmouth Town House.)

Thomas (2nd col.). His wife was probably daughter of Edward Fiscock of New Amsterdam, formerly of Plymouth, England.

Samuel. Will of Samuel of Dartmouth, 15 May 1699, proved 7 Feb. 1714/5. Dartmouth lands to sons Thomas and Samuel. To daughter Comfort, 40/ at 18 years of age. Overseers, executors and guardians of his children "cousin Thomas Cornell of Portsmouth" (Thomas², Thomas¹) "and cousin George Cadman of Dartmouth" (Bristol County Probate). Agreement 17 May 1688 between Samuel Cornell and his "cousin" (nephew) Thomas Cornell of Rhode Island for the division of the estate of his mother Rebecca (Bristol County Deeds). Thomas son of Samuel Cornell born 22 Sept. 1685; Samuel son of Samuel Cornell born 11 Jan. 1687/8; Comfort daughter of Samuel Cornell born 4 Dec. 1691 (Dartmouth Vital Records). On 13 Feb. 1716/7, Samuel Cornell and wife Deborah mortgaged the land of their father Samuel of Dartmouth (Bristol County Deeds).

Add William and Mary (2nd col.).

CRANSTON. Gov. John (p. 60, 1st col.). Son of the Rev. James Cranstoun, M.A., parson of St. Mary Over's Church, Southwark, London, near the Bridge. He was chaplain of Charles I. He placed his son (Gov. John) with Capt. Jeremiah Clarke, citizen and merchant of London, who brought him to Rhode Island. The Governor's two brothers Samuel and Caleb were of the King's Life Guards at Edinburgh (Letter of Gov. Samuel to his cousin Elizabeth Cranstoun of Edinburgh, dated 26 Dec. 1724). Rev. James was son of John Cranstoun of Bold by Christian, his wife, daughter of Sir Robert Stewart. This John was undoubtedly the son of James Cranstoun, the portioner of Bold, the son of Sir William Cranstoun of that ilk, who died in May 1569.

Gov. Samuel (2nd col.) obtained a confirmation of the Cranstoun arms, "Gules 3 cranes silver within a bordure embattled silver," in 1724 from the Lord Lyon King at Arms (*cf.* N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg., Vol. 79, pp. 57-66). This confirmation is now in the Rhode Island Historical Society.

DICKENS. Nathaniel (p. 66, 1st col.) was undoubtedly identical with Nathaniel, son of Thomas and Joan Dickens, bapt. at Chesham, co. Bucks., on 1 Feb. 1614/5. He was a land owner at Providence on 21 Sept. 1646 (The Home Lots of Providence, p. 48). He witnessed a deed of John Greene, the surgeon, on 16 July 1647. On 27 June 1648 he had a share of meadow and 60 acres of land at Providence. On 24:6:1648 he, together with "Goody Dickens" his wife, testified (Providence Town Rec., Vol. 15, p. 16). On 10:3 mo.:1649 he was present at a Court of Trials and on 2 June 1649 was on a Providence jury. On 20 June 1650 he was summoned to Boston by Edward Rawson, the Secretary, in a letter addressed to "his loving friend, Nathaniel Dickens," to answer the complaints of William Arnold and William Carpenter (*ib.*, Vol. 15, p. 32). In 1651 he was occupying the house of Alexander Partridge in Newport and was ejected under a writ issued by the Coddington Government. A riot ensued by Coddington's opponents and Partridge's son killed a man, for which he was tried, convicted and executed by a Court convened by the opposition. On 28:1:1655 "Nathaniel Dickens of Newport" bought a lot in that town of Marmaduke Ward (R. I. Colony Deeds) and the same day he bought land there from James Richardson (*ib.*). He was town treasurer of Newport on 13:1:1659/60. He was one of the purchasers of Misquamicut (Westerly, R. I.) on 15 Sept. 1661. On 7 May 1679 he exchanged his house and lot in Newport for a large tract in the southwesterly part of New Shoreham (Block Island) with John Williams of that town. On 3 Sept. 1680, he, together with his wife, Sarah, of New Shoreham, sold 60 acres in that town to

Richard Cozzens (New Shoreham Records). On 3 Oct. 1692, Sarah, widow of Nathaniel Dickens, bought 8 acres in Newport of Thomas Partridge of Flushing, Long Island (R. I. Colony Deeds). He probably had three wives: 1st, Joan Tyler, who was a widow at Providence as early as 1640; 2ndly, ———; 3rdly, Sarah ———, who remarried Thomas Brown. Sarah was undoubtedly the mother of his sons John and Roger.

Thomas (2nd col.). On 27 Dec. 1692, his step-mother, Sarah, deeded to him 80 acres on the west side of New Shoreham, and that same year he was on a jury. On 9 April 1706, he was Constable at New Shoreham and a Freeman there in 1708. On 18 Feb. 1711/2 he sold land in the west part of the town inherited from his father. On 22 March 1711/2, he sold land in Westerly inherited from his father to Capt. John Babcock (Westerly Deeds, Bk. II, p. 102). His wife Sarah was undoubtedly identical with Sarah, daughter of William and Sarah (George) Dodge of New Shoreham, born 24 Jan. 1674/5.

John (2nd col.). Married prior to 17 Aug. 1705, when his wife Joanna Dickens witnessed the Quaker marriage of John Rodman (New Shoreham Records). She signed a deed with him on 1 Dec. 1728 (*ib.*). Joanna was baptized as "Hannah Dickens, an aged woman," together with Anstiss Dickens her granddaughter on 7 April 1742 in the Stonington (Conn.) Church. John was a Freeman at New Shoreham on 11 April 1699, and in 1705 and 1708 (New Shoreham Town Records). In March 1729/30, "John Dickens of New Shoreham yeoman" sued Thomas Staples of Newport in the Newport Court (Superior Court Files, Newport County, Bk. B, p. 369). On 11 April 1732 he was town sergeant at New Shoreham and in April 1734 and 1735 a member of the Town Council (New Shoreham Town Records). His son, John Esq., was of New Shoreham, Stonington, South Kingstown and Newport (N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg., Vol. 86, pp. 174-182).

(2nd col.) Add Mercy. In 1690 Nathaniel Dickens deeded land at New Shoreham to his daughter Mercy and her husband Gregory Mark of Oyster Bay, Long Island (New Shoreham Deeds). They were living at New Shoreham on 3 Sept. 1696 (New Shoreham Records, Bk. I, p. 230).

DODGE. Tristram (p. 66, 1st col.). On 26 Sept. 1647 he witnessed a deed at Ferryland, Newfoundland and on 24:3:1648 Valentine Hill gave a power of attorney to Joseph Grafton to recover from Tristram Dodge et als. in Newfoundland (Aspinwall, pp. 126, 127-8). His house appears upon the oldest map of Block Island. He was a foreman of a jury at New Shoreham on 23 Feb. 1681/2 (New Shoreham Records, Bk. I, p. 542). On 6 Dec. 1683, John Williams of Newport agreed with John, Tris-

tram, William and Israel Dodge as to the land bought of "their late father, Tristram Dodge deceased" to deliver it to them after the decease of their mother Anne Dodge (New Shoreham Records, Bk. I). She was probably alive on 27 Feb. 1685/6 (*ib.*, p. 450).

John (2nd col.). His wife Mary was probably a daughter of Alexander Enos (Innis), one of the Scotch prisoners, who settled on Block Island.

William (2nd col.) was deeded land on 10 Jan. 1680/1 (New Shoreham Deeds). On a Coroner's jury 8 June 1702. Deposed 6 Jan. 1706/7 aged 57 years (New Shoreham Records, Bk. I, p. 386). Freeman at New Shoreham 1678. William was alive on 16 Dec. 1731, when his son William made his will. He married on 24 April 1674 Sarah George and had: Sarah, born 24 Jan. 1674/5; William, born 8 March 1679/80; Samuel, born 9 Sept. 1681; Elizabeth, born 1 May 1683.

EARLE. Ralph (p. 69, 1st col.). Son of Ralph and Margaret (Brown) Earle of Bishop's Stortford, co. Herts, bapt. there on 9 Feb. 1606/7. Married there on 29 June 1631 Joan Savage, probably daughter of Richard Savage of Widford, co. Herts, whose daughter Joan was baptized on 18 Feb. 1609/10. In 1699 Samuel Sewell records in his diary that at Portsmouth he saw the aged Joan Earle, "Savage that was," aged, by repute, 105 years. Her age was evidently overestimated. Ralph was of Newport in 1638. In 1646 "Ralph Earle of Portsmouth, formerly of Newport," sold land in the latter town (R. I. Colony Deeds). In August 1653 he testified in the case of Capt. Kempo Sybada vs. Edward Hull concerning the latter's depredations upon the plaintiff's property, while in command of the bark "Swallow," commissioned as a privateer by Rhode Island in the Dutch War (Essex County, Mass., Quarterly Court Files). In 1667 he had a suit in Connecticut claiming to have bought "The Dutch House of Good Hope" at Hartford from Capt. John Underhill in 1653.

[To be continued]

THE MOTHER-IN-LAW OF THE REVEREND PETER PRUDDEN WITH A PEDIGREE OF THE BOYSE FAMILY

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All descendants of the Reverend Peter Prudden, Pastor and Founder of Milford, Connecticut, and all persons interested in the history of the New Haven Colony and the development of

Connecticut, are full of gratitude to Mr. S. Allyn Peck for his most valuable and illuminating articles on Mr. Prudden and his English ancestry, which appeared in *THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST*, vol. 16, pp. 1-28, 122-3 and 177-9, and vol. 17, pp. 52-5. In the first of these articles (vol. 16, pp. 8-12), Mr. Peck also discussed the family of Joanna Boyse, the second wife of the Reverend Peter Prudden, and the mother of all his known children. Earlier discussions of this lady and her family, as well as accounts of her subsequent marriages to Captain Thomas Willett and to the Reverend John Bishop are to be found in Lilian E. Prudden, *Peter Prudden* (New Haven, Conn., 1901), pp. 16-8, 34-5, 54-61 and 107-13; in Donald Lines Jacobus, *Families of Old Fairfield* (New Haven, Conn., 1930-2), vol. 1, p. 494; and in George Clarke Bryant, "The Prudden-Burr Connection," *New England Historical & Genealogical Register*, vol. 84 (1930), pp. 63-4.

Joanna Boyse or Boys was a daughter (apparently the fifth and youngest daughter) of the Reverend John Boyse or Boys, sometime lecturer in the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist at Halifax, co. York, by his wife Joan. It is the purpose of this article to show the identity of Joan, wife of the Reverend John Boyse or Boys, and mother of Joanna Boyse, who married (1) the Reverend Peter Prudden, (2) Captain Thomas Willett, and (3) the Reverend John Bishop.

The Reverend John Boyse or Boys was a Yorkshireman. He owned property (which he mentioned in his will) in the parish of Great Edston, co. York; and his brother, William Boyse, lived in that parish, so it is altogether likely that the Reverend John Boyse's ancestors came from Great Edston or its neighborhood. It is also probable that he was identical with the John Boyse who matriculated as sizar from St. John's College, Cambridge, in the Michaelmas Term, 1585, and received his B.A. in 1589-90 and his M.A. in 1593; though this identification is not certain.¹

After his ordination, the Reverend John Boyse must have settled in Kent, and he must have been the incumbent of a parish in that county for a number of years. It has not yet been possible to discover which of the parishes of Kent he served as pastor. At some time in his career, he became a Nonconformist, and was eventually banished out of Kent for his nonconformity, whereupon he and his family returned to his native county of York. The Reverend John Favour, LL.D., who was Vicar of Halifax, co. York, from 1593 till his death in 1623, was a famous Puritan, and he invited Boyse to come to Halifax, and serve as lecturer in the church there. Boyse accepted this invitation, and spent the last years of his life at Halifax. He is described

¹ *Alumni Cantabrigienses*, ed. by J. and J. A. Venn, part I, vol. 1 (Cambridge, 1922), p. 195.

as "a choice man, very laborious in the work of the Lord, [who] catechised all the poor, expounded to them in the church one day in the week, and gave them money."² The Reverend John Boyse died at Halifax 30 April 1620, and his epitaph was formerly to be seen in the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist there. It read: "John Boyes: Abiit non obiit, Anno Dom: 1620, Aprill 30th." This inscription was erected by Boyse's friend Edmund Brearecliffe.³

It is important to note that Heywood's diary explicitly states that the Reverend John Boyse was banished out of *Kent* for his nonconformity.⁴ There was a family named Boys in Kent,⁵ and this is confusing; but it is certain that our man did not belong to the Kentish family, in spite of his long residence in the southern county.

The Reverend John Boyse made his will at Halifax, 13 July 1619, and it was proved at York 8 February 1620/1 by Joan Boyse, the relict and executrix named. The will is given in full in L. E. Prudden, *Peter Prudden*, pp. 107-10. One item in the will (according to this book, p. 110) reads:

"Item, I give to John Stucce of Biddingden my wives brother £X if and when he shall come to Halifax to the comforting of my said wife."

According to W. J. Walker, *Halifax Parish Church*, p. 103, this same paragraph in John Boyse's will reads:

"Item, I give to John Stawe of Biddingden, my wives brother, 40s. if and when he shall come to Hallifax to the comforting of my said wife."

The present writer carefully examined the original will of the Reverend John Boyse at York in the summer of 1936, and is convinced that the correct reading of the above paragraph is:

"Item, I give to John Stowe of Biddingden, my wives brother, 40s. if and when he shall come to Hallifax to the comforting of my said wife."

When one remembers that the Reverend John Boyse spent many years in Kent, it becomes obvious that "Biddingden" is Biddenden, co. Kent. John Stowe of Biddenden, Mrs. Boyse's brother, was baptized at Biddenden 14 January 1581/2, and died at Roxbury, Mass., 26 October 1643. He married at Biddenden 13 September 1608 Elizabeth Bigge, who was baptized at Cranbrook, co. Kent, 1 November 1590, and was buried at Roxbury,

² Diary of the Rev. Oliver Heywood, quoted in the *Papers of the Halifax Antiquarian Society for 1907*, p. 215b.

³ William James Walker, *Chapters on the Early Registers of Halifax Parish Church* (Halifax, 1885), pp. 102-4.

⁴ *The Life and Diaries of Oliver Heywood*, ed. by J. Horsfall Taylor, 4 vols. (Brighouse, 1881-5), vol. 4, p. 16. See also vol. 1, p. 57.

⁵ For the Boys family of Kent, see Edward Hasted, *History of Kent* (12 vols., Canterbury, 1797-1801), vol. 3, pp. 70, 365; vol. 4, pp. 184, 223; William Berry *Kent Genealogies* (London, 1830), pp. 16, 438-47, 453; and *Publications of the Harleian Society*, vol. 42 (Visitation of Kent, 1619), pp. 38, 92.

Mass., 21 August 1638. The Stowes migrated from Biddenden to New England in 1638, and settled at Roxbury. They were the parents of nine children, from whom many New England families descend.⁶ John Stowe's sister Joan was baptized at Biddenden 7 August 1575. She was the eldest daughter of John Stowe of Biddenden, innkeeper, by his wife Joan (Baker). The will⁷ of Joan (Baker) Stowe was dated 30 April 1616, and in it the testatrix bequeathed 10s. to her daughter Joane, and 10s. more to the latter's daughter Mary, unfortunately without giving their family names. Joan (Stowe) Boyse, widow of the Reverend John Boyse, died at Halifax, and was buried there 9 July 1630. Her will, dated 21 June 1630, and proved at York 28 April 1631, is given in full in L. E. Prudden, *Peter Prudden*. pp. 111-3.

PEDIGREE OF THE BOYSE FAMILY

The Reverend JOHN BOYSE or BOYS was probably born at or near Great Edston, co. York, about 1569. He probably matriculated as sizar from St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1585; proceeded B.A. in 1589/90, and M.A. in 1593. He served as incumbent of some parish in Kent for many years, became a Nonconformist, and was banished from Kent for nonconformity. He became a lecturer at the Parish Church at Halifax, co. York, and died there 30 April 1620. He married, probably in Kent, at an unknown date, JOAN STOWE, daughter of John and Joan (Baker) Stowe, of Biddenden, co. Kent. She was baptized at Biddenden 7 August 1575, and died at Halifax, where she was buried 9 July 1630. She was a sister of John Stowe of Biddenden, who settled at Roxbury, Mass., and she was connected by marriage with Hopestill Foster, Dr. Comfort and Dr. Thomas Starr, Thomas Betts, and other New England settlers who came from Kent.

Children, probably born in Kent, exact order unknown:

- i. MARY, named in the will of her grandmother, Joan (Baker) Stowe, and perhaps therefore the eldest, d. unmarried at Halifax, and was bur. there 7 Jan. 1627/8.
- ii. SAMUEL, named as eldest son in his father's will in 1620; d. unmarried before his mother made her will in 1630; his burial is not to be found in the Halifax Parish Register.
- iii. ELIZABETH, m. at Halifax 27 May 1629 ROBERT SIMONDS or SYMONDS of Sowerby in the parish of Halifax, co. York.
- iv. SILENCE, m. at Halifax 8 December 1630 THOMAS ROBINSON. They migrated to New England in 1636, and settled at Roxbury,

⁶ For the Stowe family, see Elizabeth French (now Mrs. J. Gardner Bartlett), "The Stowe Family," *New England Historical & Genealogical Register*, vol. 70 (1916), pp. 347-9; and John Insley Coddington, "The Stowe Family," *Ibid.*, vol. 93 (1939), pp. 296-8. For the Bigge family, see John Insley Coddington, "The Bigge Family," *Ibid.*, vol. 92 (1938), pp. 395-8.

⁷ Abstract of the will in *N. E. H. & G. Register*, vol. 93, p. 297.

Mass. They removed to Scituate, Mass., in 1642, and Silence d. (probably at Scituate) before 10 Jan. 1653/4, when Thomas Robinson remarried. He d. at Boston, Mass., about 1665. Thomas and Silence (Boyse) Robinson had three sons baptized at Halifax, and may have had more children born in New England.

- v. ANNA, m. at Bradford, co. York, 12 Aug. 1633, the Rev. JOHN REYNOR (also spelled RAYNER, RAYNOR and REYNER). He was b. at Gildersome in the parish of Batley, co. York, about 1605, and was educated at Magdalen College, Cambridge (B.A. 1625). The Rev. John and Anna (Boyse) Reynor migrated to New England about 1635-6, and settled at Plymouth. Mr. Reynor was the teacher at Plymouth, 1636-1655. He became a freeman in 1637-8. He was called by the Church at Dover, N. H., to become its pastor in 1655, and retained this position until his death, at Dover, 21 April 1669. Anna (Boyse) Reynor d. at Plymouth before 1642, when Mr. Reynor remarried. The Rev. John and Anna (Boyse) Reynor had two surviving children, Jachin Reynor (later of Rowley, Mass.), and Anna or Hannah Reynor, who m. in Sept. 1660 Job Lane of Malden, Mass.

- vi. JOANNA, came to New England in 1636 with her brother-in-law and sister, Thomas and Silence (Boyse) Robinson, and settled at Roxbury, Mass., where, as "Joan Boyse, a maid," she was a member of the Rev. John Eliot's congregation in the latter part of 1636. She m. (1) about 1637-8 (as his second wife), the Rev. PETER PRUDDEN. He was b. in Dec. 1601, probably at or near Kings Walden, co. Hertford, or Luton, co. Bedford; was educated at the Merchant Tailors' School, London, 1616-7, and at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, 1620. He labored and preached in South Wales and Hertfordshire, and came to New England in 1637, for he was at Boston on 26 June 1637. He was at New Haven and Wethersfield, Conn., in 1638; and he founded Milford, Conn., in 1640, and was Pastor of the Church at Milford from 1640 till his death in July 1656. The Rev. Peter and Joanna (Boyse) Prudden had nine children, born at Milford.⁸ She m. (2) at Milford, 20 Sept. 1671 (as his second wife), Captain THOMAS WILLETT. The parentage and place and date of birth of this famous man are not yet surely known.⁹ He spent a considerable part of his youth at Leyden, and knew the Dutch language well. He is said to have come to New England on one of the later voyages of the *Mayflower*,¹⁰ arriving at Plymouth 15 May 1629, with several other former residents of Leyden. He was soon sent to the Plymouth Colony's outpost, the Penobscot trading house, on the coast of the present State of Maine; and he was left in charge of that post in 1630, and remained in charge of it till he was ejected by the French in 1635. Meanwhile, he was made a freeman of Plymouth *in absentia*, 1 July 1633. He was at Plymouth, 1635-1639, and he m. (1) there, 6 July 1636, Mary Brown. He was master of the

⁸ For further details concerning the Rev. Peter Prudden and his descendants, see the works mentioned in the first paragraph of this article.

⁹ It is asserted (without proof) by Daniel H. Carpenter, "The Willet Record," *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, vol. 33 (1902), p. 106, that Capt. Thomas Willett was bapt. at Barley, co. Hertford, 29 Aug. 1605, son of the Rev. Andrew and Jacobina (Goad) Willett. On the other hand, George Canning Burgess stated his belief, in "Thomas Willett of Leyden and Plymouth, First Mayor of New York," *N. E. H. & G. Register*, vol. 61 (1907), pp. 137-64, that Capt. Thomas Willett was b. at Leyden, and was a son of Thomas and Alice Willett, members of the Pilgrim colony in that town.

¹⁰ Charles E. Banks, M.D., *The Planters of the Commonwealth* (Boston, 1930), p. 65.

Plymouth trading house at Kennebec, 1639-1640.¹¹ He then returned to Plymouth to live, but engaged in trading activities all over New England and New Netherlands. He had 6 acres of land in the North Precinct of Plymouth (now Kingston, Mass.) in 1643. He was chosen Captain of the Plymouth military forces, in succession to Myles Standish, 7 March 1647/8. He was a member of a commission to settle the boundary between the English and Dutch colonies in Sept. 1650, and was appointed by Gov. Peter Stuyvesant to represent the Dutch interests on that commission. He was an Assistant in Plymouth Colony, 1651-1665, though he left Plymouth itself, and removed to Rehoboth in 1651 or 1652. Willett is said to have been so friendly to the Dutch that he warned them of the impending attack by the English in 1664. Because of his knowledge of the Dutch language and his friendship for the Dutch people, Willett was appointed the first (English) Mayor of New York, 12 June 1665, and held office till the summer of 1666; and again from the summer of 1667 to the summer of 1668. After that, he left New York, and settled at Swansea, Mass. He d. in that part of Swansea which is now Seakonk, 4 Aug. 1674, and was bur. at the head of Bullock's Cove, in what is now East Providence, R. I. By his second wife, Joanna (Boyes) (Prudden) Willett, he had no children. She m. (3), at a date which has not been ascertained, the Rev. JOHN BISHOP of Stamford, Conn., as his second wife. The Reverend John Bishop is said¹² to be identical with the John Bishop who was born about 1612, son of William Bishop of Holway, co. Dorset, commoner, and who matriculated at Balliol College, Oxford, 20 April 1632, aged 20, and graduated B.A. 7 June 1632, and proceeded M.A. 15 April 1635, and was Rector of Batecombe, co. Dorset, 1636-1640.¹³ The Reverend John Bishop arrived in New England in 1640, and settled at Taunton. He is said to have gone on foot from Taunton to Stamford in 1644, and he served as minister of Stamford for 50 years, from 1644 to his death in the winter of 1694-5. He m. (1), probably soon after his removal to Stamford, Rebecca Goodyear, who was b. about 1626, daughter of Stephen and Mary Goodyear of London, England, and New Haven, Conn. She was the mother of all his children. The Reverend John Bishop survived both his wives. In his will, dated 16 Nov. 1694, he expressed the desire to be buried between his two wives, Rebecca and Joanna, "who are fallen asleep in Jesus and gone to heaven before me." He d. between 16 Nov. 1694 and 12 March 1694/5, the date of probate of the will.¹⁴

- vii. JOHN, bapt. at Halifax 14 April 1618, was the younger son when his father made his will in 1620, and the only surviving son when his mother made her will in 1630. His mother made careful provision for his education. He was killed in April 1643

¹¹ For Capt. Thomas Willett's career in Maine, see Sybil Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby and Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* (Portland, Me., 1928-39), p. 754.

¹² Rev. Frederick Lewis Weis, *The Colonial Clergy of the Colonial Churches of New England* (Lancaster, Mass., 1936), p. 33.

¹³ See *Alumni Oxonienses, 1500-1714*, ed. by Joseph Foster, 4 vols. (Oxford, 1891-2), vol. 1, p. 130.

¹⁴ The account of the Rev. John Bishop in Nathaniel Holmes Bishop, "The Rev. John Bishop," *N. Y. G. & B. Record*, vol. 23 (1897), pp. 129-131, is vague and not entirely satisfactory. A much better account is in Jacobus, *Old Fairfield*, vol. 1, p. 77. For the identity of Rebecca Goodyear, see D. L. Jacobus, "Deputy Governor Stephen Goodyear of New Haven. Rev. John Bishop of Stamford. and the Lake and Watts Families of Boston," *THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST*, vol. 16, pp. 193-200, especially p. 196.

in a skirmish between the Parliamentary and royal forces, within 2 miles of Leeds, co. York. He was not married, and his surviving sisters, and the children of his deceased sister Anna (Boyse) Reynor, became coheirs to the Boyse estates in Yorkshire.

THE MACWITHEY FAMILY OF PRESTON, CONNECTICUT

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Savage, in his *Genealogical Dictionary*, Vol. 4, page 618, states "Withee: Robert ae. 20 with Susan 18 & Mary 16 prob. his sister, emb. at London with a Mary With 62 perh. mother of them all, 11 Sept. 1635 in the Hopewell, Capt. Babb, but I can find no trace of them on our side of the water."

Since this Robert Withee is the only one of that name found by Savage, he may have been the progenitor of the James Macwithey found early at Dedham, Mass., the ancestor of the Preston, Conn., family. From this line there are descendants living in various parts of the United States, many of whom are entirely without information of their ancestry, yet who are desirous of knowing from what kind of people they descend. For them this account of the Preston family has been compiled.

JAMES¹ MACWITHEY of Dedham, married (1) at Dedham, in Nov. 1662, MARY EVERETT. She was the Mary Everett b. at Dedham, 28 Sept. 1638, daughter of Richard and Mary (Winch) Everett of Dedham. (Dedham B. M. & D. 1-3.) The name Mackwithey has various spellings; in this marriage record it reads: "James Makarory & Mary Euritt was married 9 month, 62." (*Ibid.*, 1-8.) She died 13 June 1670 (*Ibid.*, 1-12).

He married (2) at Dedham, 20 Feb. 1670/1, Patience Cubby (*Ibid.*, 1-12). They had no children.

He married (3) Experience, surname unknown.

Children by Mary, Dedham B. M. & D.:*

- i. MARY², b. 17 Sept. 1663 (1-9).
- 1 ii. JAMES, b. abt. 1665; m. BETHIAH ———, and had children b. at Dedham 1695-1709.
- 2 iii. DANIEL, b. 19 Mar. 1667/8 (1-10).
- iv. MARGARET, b. 3 June 1670, d. 20 June 1670 (1-12).

Children by Experience:

- v. SARAH, b. 23 Feb. 1675 (1-14).
- 3 vi. DAVID, b. 17 Apr. 1678 (1-16).

* Richard Everett d. 3 July 1682. His will bequeathed seven acres to James Mackerwithy, after whose death the land was to be divided equally between "my three grandchildren James, Daniel and Mary Mackerwithy being the children that the said Mackerwithy had by my daughter Mary."

3. DAVID² MACWITHEY (*James*¹), born at Dedham, 17 Apr. 1678, a weaver, of East Hampton, Long Island, and Preston, Conn., died 10 June 1756 (from inventory), Preston, Conn., leaving a wife ELIZABETH and children. The widow was alive 3 Apr. 1765 when she leases land. David Macwithey first appears at East Hampton when he buys five acres of land for £4-5s. on 26 Nov. 1703, of Ephraim Osborne of that place, husbandman, at a place called Wainscot. Ephraim Osborne and Elizabeth Osborne sign. (East Hampton, L. I., New York, Town Records (1889), Vol. 3, Page 77.)

David Macwithey of East Hampton, weaver, sells this land 31 Oct. 1710 to Nathaniel Parke of Shelter Island, New York, for £40, and his wife Elizabeth Macwithie surrenders all right of dowry, etc. (*Ibid*, Vol. 3, Page 261).

The same day David Macwithey buys about 70 acres of land in Preston, Conn., for £40, of Nathaniel Parke of Shelter Island, cooper, partly on commons, near Ebenezer Williams . . . (Preston, Conn., Land Records, Vol. 3, Page 11).

In 1716, David Mackerlithee buys an addition of land "to make his former lott in quantity for what it wants in quality of ye other lott" . . . (*Ibid*, Vol. 3, Page 66). 12 Nov. 1725, David Mackerwithee sells to his son David . . . 8 acres for 8 pounds . . . (*Ibid*, Vol. 4, Page 379). 13 Feb. 1731/2, David Mackerwithee sells for love and affection to son James a parcel of land . . . (*Ibid*, Vol. 4, Page 1037). 29 Mar. 1731/2, David Mackerwithee sells for love and affection to loving son John a parcel of land . . . (*Ibid*, Vol. 5, Page 390). 2 Sept. 1743, David Mackerwithee for natural love, etc., sells to son Ephraim a parcel of land . . . (*Ibid*, Vol. 5, Page 405).

David Macwethey's will was dated 21 Apr. 1756 and proved 6 July 1756. In it he mentions being weak and under difficult circumstances of body. He leaves his beloved wife Elizabeth all moveables except his broad axe and great bible . . . He leaves to son James Mac Wethey these two treasures and also land southwardly of sd James's own land near Coit's, near his grist mill & Benjamin Kimball's land which was John Mac Wethey's land . . . to daughter-in-law Marcy Mac Wethey he leaves the improvement of 40 acres land after his wife's decease . . . during her lifetime, and after to go to his two grandchildren the heirs of his son Ephraim Mac Wethey dec'd, the land near Samuel Partridge & Belcher's land & Samuel Partridge Jr.'s land & Ephraim Mac Wethey's land, 40 acres. . . He leaves to his wife all remainder of land and buildings . . . to son David 5s. which with what he had already had was his portion . . . to son John the same . . . to daughter Elizabeth Mulkins the same . . . to daughter Sarah Griffith the same . . . son James to be executor . . . Peter Harris, John Coye and John Green Junr. were witnesses.

The inventory was taken by Stephen Tucker and Elijah Belcher, 5 July 1756, in which the only land mentioned was the farm, with buildings and privileges, where he lived. (Norwich Probate District, Vol. 1, Page 450.) His other land was given to his sons during his lifetime, and from these deeds we get their names.

The widow Elizabeth Mackerwithee leases to Grandson Lemuel MacWethy part of the land her dearly beloved husband David gave to her in his last will and testament . . . boundaries were by lands of sons James, John, Ephraim . . . 1757 (Preston Land Records, Vol. 7, Page 490).

3 Apr. 1765, Elizabeth MacWethey, widow, and Stephen Gates and his wife Mercy, all of Preston, "Doth farm Let and Get" to David Green and wife Mary of sd Preston for term of natural life of sd Elizabeth and Mary, land given to said Mary, wife of David Green, and Elijah, her brother, by David Mackwethey in his last will and testament (*Ibid*, Vol. 8, Page 205). From this lease we learn that the widow of Ephraim had married Stephen Gates of Preston before 3 Apr. 1765, and that the widow Elizabeth survived her husband some years.

Children of David & Elizabeth:

- 4 i. JAMES², m. 8 Sept. 1730, JUDITH LUCE.
- 5 ii. DAVID, m. 3 Apr. 1722, ABIGAIL PARK.
- 6 iii. EPHRAIM, m. MERCY LUCE.
- 7 iv. JOHN, m. 22 May 1738, ELIZABETH LUCE.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. 20 Mar. 1712/13 Preston, m. 3 Jan. 1734, JOHN MULKINS of Canterbury (Preston 2d Ch. Rec.).
- vi. SARAH, m. 11 Nov. 1736, JAMES GRIFFITH of Kingstown, R. I. (Preston 2d Ch. Rec.).

4. JAMES³ MACWITHEY (*David*², *James*¹), lived in Preston and Canterbury, Conn. He married (1) 8 Sept. 1730, JUDITH LUSE (Preston Vit. Rec. 1-108), who was born at Chilmark, Mass., 30 Sept. 1705, daughter of Josiah² & Sarah³ (Allen) Luce* of Chilmark, Mass., and Windham, Conn. He married (2) EUNICE (CADY) STAPLES, born at Pomfret, Conn., 15 Aug. 1720, daughter of Ezekiel and Abigail (Cady) Cady, and widow of Jacob Staples of Canterbury. He died between 11 May and 6 Dec. 1785 (will dated and proved). I, James wethy of Canterbury . . . being visited with a Lingerin Sicknes and being Considerably advanced in age . . . to beloved wife Eunice all the household goods & livestock that she owned and brought with her when I married her together with 2 cows & a calf & 2 hogs & a great bible . . . & also the improvement of all my lands except what is otherwise disposed of . . . during her widowhood etc. . . . to my 3 sons, James, Lemuel & Amasa . . .

* Luce: Josiah² & Sarah³ Allen; Henry¹.

Allen: James² & Elizabeth Partridge; Samuel¹ & (1) Anne.

to my son James & his son Philip, my grandson . . . have already given to oldest dau. Sibel her full portion . . . to 3 daus. Expearence, Azube & Juda . . . beloved wife and son Lemuel to be executors. Selve Cheney, Betty Tyler and Reuben Harris witnessed. Elizabeth Adams receipts 20 Apr. 1786 on her father's account . . . Elisabeth Geer receipts 22 Apr. 1786. . . (Plainfield Probate District, No. 2224, Connecticut State Library.)

Eunice must have been a well-to-do widow when she married James Macwethey. Her will was made 10 Oct. 1805 and proved 7 Apr. 1807. Eunice Wethey of Brooklyn, Connecticut . . . being advanced in life . . . to beloved daughter Eunice Starkweather . . . to beloved grandson Septimious Staples . . . to grandson Joseph Staples . . . to granddaughter Molly Shurtliff . . . to daughter Sarah Gorham . . . to son Abel Staples . . . to granddaughter Lorra Staples when 18 . . . friend Roswell Parish of Canterbury to be sole executor. James Rude, Benoni Taylor and Abigail Winter witnesses. Joseph Gorham receipts . . . Mary Shirlif receipts from grandmother's estate. . . (Plainfield Probate District, No. 2223, Connecticut State Library).

Children of James and Judith (Preston, Vit. Rec. 1-108):

- i. SYBEL⁴, b. 14 June 1731.
- ii. EXPERIENCE, b. 10 June 1733.
- 8 iii. JAMES, b. 6 July 1735; had son Philip. He may be the James Withee with wife Sarah, had Daniel, b. 30 Sept. 1760, d. 6 Jan. 1779 ae. 9 yrs. 3 mos.; James, b. 18 Jan. 1763, d. 17 Feb. 1855 ae. 93; Nathaniel, b. 5 Oct. 1765; John, b. 2 Feb. 1768, d. 6 June 1772 ae. 4 yrs. 4 mos.; William Parker, b. 2 July 1770; Sarah, b. 24 Sept. 1772; John, b. 4 Sept. 1774, d. 17 July 1783; Daniel, b. 13 Aug. 1779. 1753, James Withee, a cellar dug, and three acres cleared and broke up. 1796, 4 Apr. (d.) James Withee. 1799, 20 Mar. James Withee's taxes abated. "The town favored him on account of his losing his barn and rye and hay by fire." (History of Mason, N. H. (1858) John B. Hill, pp. 40, 136, 176, 177, 192, 208, 221).
- 9 iv. LEMUEL, b. 6 June 1737; m. 1 Jan. 1757, MARY MULKINS.
- v. ZUBE, b. 28 July 1739.
- vi. JUDITH, b. 24 Apr. 1741.
- 10 vii. AMASA, b. 27 Sept. 1745; m. 2 Oct. 1765, ALICE APPLY of Plainfield (Preston 2nd Ch. Rec.).

5. DAVID⁸ MACWITHEY (*David*², *James*¹), of Preston, Conn., m. 3 Apr. 1722 ABIGAIL PARK (Preston 2nd Ch. Rec.). As we have seen, he received land from his father. On 22 Apr. 1727, he sold land to Thomas Rose, Jr., of Preston . . . land in Preston bounded by the southwest corner of Nicholas Rich's land . . . running southerly by the northeast corner bound of Deacon Caleb Fobes's 1st division lot & ye northwest corner of sd Fobes's 2nd division lot . . . running easterly & bounded by ye 3rd 2nd

division lot to a white oak tree marked with E R which is ye northwest corner bounds of Jacob Rudes land near Rich's land John Crery and Josiah Bump witnessed and it was recorded 23 Apr. 1727. David Macwithee Junr. acknowledged his signature at Plainfield. (Preston Land Records, Vol. 4, Page 781.) This land was on the border between Preston and Plainfield, but he lived in the town of Preston and was a member of the Second or North Preston Society. This church was later in the town of Griswold, and called the Pachaug Church.

Children of David and Abigail, baptisms from the Preston 2nd Church, the last three from Voluntown, Conn., Vit. Rec., 1-32:

- 11 i. REUBEN⁴, bp. 21 Nov. 1739, possibly the Reuben McWe()thy who m. ZERULAH WHITNEY of Plainfield, 1 Nov. 1749 (Kent, Conn., Ch. Rec.).
- ii. ELIZABETH, bp. 21 Nov. 1739.
- iii. OLIVE, bp. 21 Nov. 1739.
- 12 iv. SIMEON, b. 7 Mar. 1739; bp. 21 Nov. 1739; m. SARAH VAN DOZER. He was living 1810 Fair Haven, Vt. His son Levi m. 14 Oct. 1807 Lorinda Church (Family record).
- v. ESTHER, bp. 13 Aug. 1741.
- vi. HANNAH, b. 11 Oct. 1743; bp. 18 Dec. 1743.
- 13 vii. ISAAC, b. 26 Oct. 1745; m. Polly Miller. Mrs. Isaac McWethy joined the church 1784, Granville, New York. In 1785 Isaac McWethy had 5 children baptized there: Francis, Silas, Isaac, Louis & Rufus. Silas, who was born 1775 had a son Martin born in 1808 (Fam. Rec.).
- viii. RACHEL, b. 12 Aug. 1748.

6. EPHRAIM³ MACWITHEY (*David*², *James*¹), of Preston, Conn., died 1 Mar. 1753 (Preston Vit. Rec., 2-15), married MERCY LUCE, daughter of Josiah² and Sarah³ (Allen) Luce of Windham, Conn. (Hist. Martha's Vineyard, 3-252), who married (2) Stephen Gates of Preston (Preston Land Records, 8-205).

19 Feb. 1753 I, Ephraim Macwethey of Preston, Conn., "being under great Weakness and infirmity of body but of a Disposing mind" to well beloved wife Mercy all moveables except wearing apparel to be hers forever and 1/3 of the improvement of my house and land that lyes in Preston during her natural life "I Give and bequeath my Hous and all my Lands both in Preston & Kent to my Well beloved son Elijah Macwethey to him his heirs" & all wearing apparel "and it is my Will that my land Lying in Kent should be sold & I do hearby order & impower my Executors hereafter Named to sel sd Land & keep the mony at intrest untill my sd son come to lawful age which I Judg will be most profitable for him" "I Give and bequeath to my Well beloved Daughter Molly Macwethey one hundred Pounds old tenor and my Will is that my son Elijah

Macwethey Pay to his sister Molly fifty Pounds of sd money upon har Marrig Day if She dus not marry before he is of Lawful age that then he shall Pay har fifty Pounds & the other fifty Pounds a year after" . . . loving wife Mercy & my loving brother John MacWethey to be joynt executors. Elijah Belcher, John Coye & James Braman witnessed the will, which was proved 3 Apr. 1753 at Preston. The inventory, taken 6 July 1753, amounted to £68-10-6. (Norwich Probate District, No. 7404, Connecticut State Library.)

Children of Ephraim and Mercy from Preston, 2nd Ch. Rec.:

- 14 i. ELIJAH⁴, bp. 7 July 1743; m. 13 Nov. 1763, MERCY GATES.
- ii. EPHRAIM, bp. 7 July 1743; not mentioned in his father's will, 1753.
- 15 iii. MARY, bp. 3 Apr. 1745 (b. 1742 from gravestone), m. 1 Oct. 1761, LT. DAVID GREEN.

7. JOHN³ MACWITHEY (*David*², *James*¹), of Preston, Conn., married 22 May 1738 ELIZABETH LUCE of Windham, Conn. (Preston Vit. Rec. 1-80), daughter of Josiah² and Sarah³ (Allen) Luce of Windham (Hist. Martha's Vineyard, 3-252).

The History of Martha's Vineyard by Banks (1925), Vol. 3, Page 252, states that Mary Luce, daughter of Josiah² Luce, married Ephraim *Wealthy*, and that Elizabeth daughter of Josiah, her sister, married John *Mackworth*. The marriage of their sister Judah is not given. Undoubtedly these three sisters married the three Macwithey brothers: James, Ephraim and John. Josiah² Luce moved to Windham, Conn., where perhaps some of the children were born. "John Mackweathy of Preston m. Elizabeth Luse of Windham," 22 May, 1738 (Preston Vit. Rec. 1-80).

Children of John and Elizabeth, the first three from Preston Vit. Rec. 1-80, the last five from the 2nd Ch. Rec. Preston:

- 16 i. NATHAN⁴, b. 5 May 1739.
- ii. JEDIDAH, b. 20 Mar. 1741.
- iii. JERUSHA, b. 10 Mar. 1742/3.
- 17 iv. JOHN, bp. Mar. 1745.
- 18 v. ASA, bp. 3 July 1747.
- vi. AME, bp. 11 Mar. 1750.
- vii. SARAH, bp. 14 June 1752.
- viii. LOIS, bp. 13 Oct. 1754.

9. Ens. LEMUEL⁴ MACWITHEY (*James*³, *David*², *James*¹), of Preston, Conn., born 6 June 1737 (Preston Vit. Rec. 1-108), died 13 Feb. 1826 ae. 89 (Gravestone Inscription, Griswold); married 1 Jan. 1757, MARY MULKINS, his cousin, born 28 May 1738 (Preston Vit. Rec., 2-23), daughter of John and Elizabeth³ (Macwithey) Mulkins. She died 15 Aug. 1813 ae. 76. She and

her husband are buried in the Pachaug Cemetery, Griswold. The Preston families of this generation dropped the prefix and the name was spelled Withey or Wethey. There are said to be thirty-one different spellings of the name.

Lemuel Wethey served as Sergeant, Capt. William Belcher's Co., Lexington Alarm 1775 from Preston; as Sergeant, Capt. Edward Mott's Co., 1776, for the defense and protection of New London harbor (Conn. Men in the Revolution, pp. 20, 617). He was appointed Ensign of Militia 1777 (Conn. State Library, Revolutionary Archives, Vol. X, Doc. 390c). His account of pork sold to Army 1781 (*Ibid*, Vol. XXXV, Doc. 6).

Children of Ens. Lemuel and Mary, all from Preston Vit. Rec. 2-2:

- i. HENRY^s, b. 9 Jan. 1758; m. (1) 22 Nov. 1784, KEZIA WARINGTON; m. (2) 21 Feb. 1793, ESTHER DIMMOCK of Canterbury. His son Thomas was b. 24 Dec. 1793 and there were 3 other sons and a daughter.
- ii. SABRA, b. 4 Sept. 1760; m. 2 May 1782, ELISHA KING of Norwich.
- iii. JEDUTHAN, b. 3 Oct. 1762; m. (1) ———; m. (2) PHEBE (THORNE) COMFORT. He resided in Preston until near the close of the Revolution, then moved to New Lebanon, N. Y., where he lived four or five years after the close of the war, then moved to Sunderland, Vt., lived there nine years, thence to Bradford County, Pa.

Jeduthan Wethy made application for pension Sept. 19, 1833, at which time he was aged 67 years, and a resident of Canton Township, Bradford Co., Pa., and stated that while a resident of Preston, Conn., he enlisted in July of the year of the battle of White Plains, served as private 42 days in Capt. Alvin Coit's company, Col. Mott's Conn. Regt. and that he assisted in building Fort Groton. This service was rendered as substitute for Henry Withey, no relationship given. He stated that he enlisted sometime during the year 1778, served 4 months as private in Capt. William Cutler's Co., under Major Andrew Backus, that he joined this company at Canterbury, Conn., that he was in General Sullivan's Expedition to Rhode Island and was in the battle of Rhode Island, where he received a slight bullet wound in his left arm; that he enlisted at New Lebanon, New York, and served 42 days as private in Capt. Backus's Co., Col. Brown's New York Regt. and was in a battle with the Indians. His claim for pension was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof of service as required by pension laws.

In 1853, soldier's widow, Phebe Withey, was a resident of Canton Township, Bradford Co., Pa., her maiden name and date and place of their marriage are not given. In 1854 soldier's son, Elias Withey, was living in Tioga Co., Pa. (Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.). He had Lemuel, Elias, Samuel, Roxy, and Sarah, b. 25 July 1791 Vt., m. 5 Jan. 1809 Origen Wheeler, son of Capt. Isaac Wheeler (Virkus's Compendium, Vol. VII, p. 198).

- iv. ELINOR, b. 25 Mar. 1765; m. 8 Mar. 1792, GEORGE NORTHROP (Preston Vit. Rec., 2-322). He d. 25 Apr. 1850 ae. 81 and she d. 20 Oct. 1849. They are buried in the Pachaug Cemetery, Griswold. Issue.

- v. SARAH, b. 10 June 1768.
- vi. LYDIA, b. 6 June 1770; m. 2 Dec. 1792, FREEMAN KENYON of Exeter, R. I., b. 28 Jan. 1769, son of John (Exeter, R. I., Vit. Rec., 3-199) (Preston 2nd Ch.).
- vii. STEPHEN, b. 27 Feb. 1772; m. 25 Jan. 1795, LYDIA GEER (*Ibid.*).
- viii. ELISHA, b. 5 Mar. 1775.
- ix. MARY, b. 23 Dec. 1776; m. 4 Oct. 1798, JOHN KENNEDY of Voluntown (Preston 2nd Ch.).
- x. ELIAS, b. 6 Aug. 1779.
- xi. WILLIAM, b. 8 Aug. 1783; m. 1 Apr. 1807, ELIZABETH MANNING, b. Windham, 26 Jan. 1789, dau. of Joel^r and Abigail (Bundy) Manning. She d. 16 Feb. 1867 ae. 78 and was buried in the Pachaug Cemetery beside her husband who d. 9 Aug. 1871 ae. 88. Their children b. Griswold (Vit. Rec. 1-155): Rev. Ezra, b. 4 June 1808, m. (1) 9 Sept. 1833, Harriet Edgerton, m. (2) 12 June 1855, Mary E. Robinson; Frances, b. 4 July 1811, d. 15 May 1814 ae. 2 yrs. 10 das. (gr. st.); Sanford, b. 13 Feb. 1816, d. 9 Oct. 1831 ae. 16 (gr. st.); Abby Jane, b. 5 Mar. 1819, d. 3 June 1839 ae. 20 (gr. st.); Alfred Manning, b. 25 Sept. 1823, d. 24 June 1852 ae. 29 (gr. st.). (Manning Genealogy, pp. 382-3.)

10. AMASA⁴ MACWITHEY (*James*³, *David*², *James*¹), of Preston and Plainfield, Conn., born 27 Sept. 1745 (Preston Vit. Rec., 1-108); married 2 Oct. 1765, ALICE APPLY of Plainfield (Preston 2nd Ch.), probably daughter of James Apply (born 6 Apr. 1711, son of Daniel) and Alice Larrabee. She owned covenant 5 Sept. 1768, Plainfield Church. 13 Sept. 1779 Alice Withey Wife to Amasa Withey was debarr'd communing on acc^t of past conduct, having been deteriorate & made no acknowledgment to the Church for conduct which could not be justified but by confession & repentance (*N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg.*, Vol. 70, Pages 177, 317).

Children from Plainfield Ch. Rec. (*Ibid.*, Vol. 70, p. 222):

- i. EUNICE⁵, bp. 9 May 1770.
- ii. HULDA, bp. 27 Oct. 1771.
- iii. ABIGAIL, bp. 27 Oct. 1771.

14. ELIJAH⁴ WETHEY (*Ephraim*³, *David*², *James*¹), of Griswold, Conn., baptized 7 July 1743 (Preston 2nd Ch.), died 7 Feb. 1816 ae. 73 (Griswold Vit. Rec., 1-30, and gr. st.). He married 13 Nov. 1763, MERCY GATES (Preston Vit. Rec., 2-220), probably a widow with children. She predeceased him. His will mentions deceased wife, granddaughter Lucy Geer, son Luther Gates, grandson Nathan Geer, son Ezra Gates, and daughter Selinda Washburn who was to have the residue (Norwich Probate District, No. 11723, Conn. State Library).

Child of Elijah and Mercy (Preston Vit. Rec., 2-220):

- i. SELINDA⁵, b. 6 Jan. 1774; m. ELIJAH WASHBURN.

15. MARY⁴ WITHEY (*Ephraim³, David², James¹*), baptized 3 Apr. 1745 (Preston 2nd Ch.); married 1 Oct. 1761, LIEUT. DAVID GREEN (*John, William*), of Griswold. He was born 22 Nov. 1737 (Preston Vit. Rec., 1-42), died 2 June 1832 in 96th yr. She died 2 Dec. 1828 ae. 86. They are buried in the Green Family Burying Ground, Griswold. Mr. Daniel Phillips, compiler of the History of Griswold, Conn. (p. 337), says that Lt. David Green was at the Lexington Alarm, Militia '77, '82. In a copy which he made of the Inscriptions in Griswold Cemeteries, presented to the Otis Library, Norwich, Conn., he says:

"On the farm owned by William Briggs, known as the Nathl Wilcox farm, on a rounded hill near the road which leads from Hopeville to Stone Hill, on the right-hand side of the road is a small grave yard known as the Green Burying Ground.

"On this farm David Green, who was of the same stock as the Greens of Spy Rock, lived and died.

"In middle life a soldier in the American Revolution and attained the rank of lieutenant and ever after was honorably known in the community in which he lived as Leftenant David Green.

"Record evidence seems to show, though it appears beyond belief, that he was married at 14 to Molly Wethey who was not beyond the age of 10 and that their married life covered a period of 77 years. He lived to ripe old age of 95 and is the oldest person in this yard.

"There are 24 inscriptions and 20 graves unmarked."

The Preston Vital Records agree with Mr. Phillips's statement that apparently David Green aged 14 married Molly Withey aged 10 and that their first child was born when she was 11 (Preston Vit. Rec. 1-42). However, these startling data cannot be correct. After a careful check of these town records with the present assistant town clerk, Mrs. Charles Geisthardt, the conclusion was reached that a former town clerk made a mistake of ten years in the marriage of David and Molly and in the birth of their first child. These dates should read, married 1761 (not 1751), and born 1762 (not 1752), in which case the other children follow along as might be expected. As the record stands there would be a gap of fourteen years between the birth of the first child and of the next, certainly a strange hiatus for such an uncommonly mature woman. This book of records is not the original one but a copy made at a later date, hence a mistake could easily have been made. In her father's will already quoted, Molly was to receive one hundred pounds upon marriage and *if she does not marry* her brother Elijah is to pay her fifty pounds when he becomes of age and the other fifty the year after. This will was made 19 Feb. 1753, two years after the marriage as recorded and one year after the birth of the first-born, Benajah, and proved the vital entries wrong.

Children of Lieut. David and Molly (Withey) Green, from Preston Vit. Rec. 2-145:

- i. BENAJAH⁶, b. 22 May 1762; m. CHRISTOBAL⁴ CRARY.*
- ii. SARAH, b. 19 May 1766.
- iii. POLLY, b. 22 Mar. 1770.
- iv. AARON, b. 28 July 1772.
- v. WILLIAM, b. 14 Nov. 1774.
- vi. MEHETABLE, b. 9 Aug. 1777.
- vii. ELISHA, b. 25 Feb. 1780.
- viii. BETSEY, b. 3 Jan. 1782.
- ix. LYDIA, b. 26 June 1784.
- x. PATTY, dau. David and Molly, d. 30 Apr. 1853 in 62 yr.

A FURTHER ACCOUNT OF THE OGLESBY FAMILY

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In the January 1941 issue of *THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST*, pages 144-151, the author published a brief article on the Oglesby family of Virginia, and especially on Joseph Oglesby. At that time, it was stated that Joseph Oglesby's grandparents were probably Richard Oglesby and Sarah Ferguson of Goochland County, Virginia. Recent researches in the county records in Virginia now provide convincing evidence for this, and also give considerable further data on the family. The following genealogical account therefore supplements the author's previous article.

Richard Oglesby, father of William Oglesby and grandfather of Joseph Oglesby, can first be located in Goochland County, Virginia, in 1756 when the following item was recorded in the *Douglas Register*¹: "Richard Ogilsby & Sarah fergusson deceased a Son named James born dec: 17. 1756." It is clear that this Sarah Ferguson died in childbirth, and it seems that this son James (of whom there is no further trace) was probably her fourth child. It is perhaps significant that Richard Oglesby's son William named his eldest daughter Sarah.

Two years later, we find in the same source that "Richard Ogilsby & Elizabeth Price" were married September 3, 1758. The Goochland County Marriage Bonds² also record a bond on

* Crary: Benjamin³ & (1) Amey⁵ Stanton; Robert² & Elizabeth; Peter¹ & Christobel³ Gallup;

Stanton: John⁴ & Desire⁴ Denison; John³ & Mary Starkweather; Capt. John² & Hannah Thompson; Thomas¹ & Ann Lord, dau. Thomas¹ & Dorothy (Bird) Lord;

Gallup: John² & Hannah Lake, dau. John & Margaret Lake; John¹ & Christobel;

Denison: William³ & Mary⁴ Avery; John² & Phebe Lay, dau. Robert; Capt. George¹ & Ann Borodell;

Avery: John³ & Abigail³ Chesebrough; Capt. James² & (1) Joanna Greenslade; Christopher¹;

Chesebrough: Samuel² & Abigail Ingraham; William¹ & Anna Stevenson.

¹ The *Douglas Register*, ed. by W. Mac Jones, Richmond, Va., 1928. This register contains the birth, marriage, and death records of the Rev. William Douglas who was the Oglesby family's minister over more than 20 years.

² William & Mary College Quarterly 7:102, 127, 197: 1898-99.

August 29, 1758, between Richard Oglesby and Elizabeth Curd, widow of John Curd. A glance at *The Curd Family in America* by Frank D. Fuller and Thomas H. S. Curd (Rutland, Vt., 1938) shows that John Curd, died 1752, married Elizabeth Price, daughter of Daniel Price and his wife Mary, and had by her eight children, viz.: John, William, Joseph, Mary, Charles, James, Elizabeth, and Ann. Our next record comes again from the *Douglas Register*¹ which lists "Richard Ogilby & Eliz: Price a son named Jesse born Mar: 24 1759. Baptized 1759 May 2." On July 21, 1762, Richard Oglesby was witness to a marriage bond between Edward Redford and Ann Curd (the niece of John Curd, Elizabeth (Price) Curd Oglesby's first husband) in Goochland County.² The *Douglas Register* also lists the following which may or may not apply to Elizabeth (Price) Curd Oglesby: "Sep: 23, 1774—Mrs. Ogilvy's fun: Sermon on Philip 1: 22-24.—in Gooch." and "Sep: 27, 1774—Preached at Mrs. Ogilvy's fun:" In view of the fact that Richard Oglesby was married again in 1778 and was stated to be a widower at that time, I am very much inclined to believe that these notations do refer to his wife Elizabeth. It would of course have been natural for the minister, Rev. William Douglas, who had officiated at her marriage and at the baptism of her children, to have preached at her funeral.

Next, in Amherst County, Virginia, we find the following interesting records. On April 1, 1774, William Mitchel (or Mitchell) of Richmond sold to "Richard Oglesbey of the County of Goochland, planter" a tract of 800 acres on Buffalo River in Amherst County, adjoining the lands of Edward Carter Esq.³ Then on March 9, 1778, an indenture was made between "Richard Oglesbey of the County of Amherst of the one part and William Oglesbey (son of said Richard Oglesbey) of the other part" by which in consideration of "love for his son" and five shillings, the father sold 300 acres of the tract purchased of William Mitchel to his son.⁴ In the same Deed Book under date of August 17, 1778, Richard Oglesby gave slaves to his daughters Ann Moreland of the County of Powhatan, and Elizabeth Tourman of Henrico County.⁴ The *Douglas Register*¹ and the Goochland County Marriage Bonds² show that Ann Ogilvy married John Moreland in Goochland on November 16, 1775; and Elizabeth Ogilsvy married, first, Thomas Mitchel on February 21, 1775, and then, second, on October 20, 1777, Thomas Tourman, both marriages taking place in Goochland.

On July 6, 1778, Richard Oglesbey, widower, filed a bond in Amherst County for marriage with ——— Cash, a widow.⁵ As

³ Amherst County Deed Book D, page 235.

⁴ Amherst County Deed Book E, pages 9, 74, 75.

⁵ Amherst County, Va., Marriage Register.

is clear from later records, she was Nancy ———, widow of Benjamin Cash of Amherst County whose will was proved in 1777.⁶ On December 31, 1790, Richard Oglesby and Nancy his wife sold some of his land on Buffalo River "running along line of William Oglesby";⁷ and on July 17, 1797, they disposed of more of it.⁸ Also, on October 16, 1797, they with John and Sally Cash and Joel and Betsey Cash sold part of the estate of Benjamin Cash to James Shields, Junior. That is the last we hear of Richard Oglesby.

Richard Oglesby's son, William, has previously been discussed to some extent, and there are several indentures in Amherst County bearing his signature. In one, dated October 7, 1789, he and his wife Martha conveyed 274 acres of land to Leonard Henley.⁹ It appears that he owned considerable land on Rockfish Creek as well as on Buffalo River.

Richard Oglesby's son Jesse is probably the Jesse Oglesby who bought further land on Rockfish Creek in 1797;¹⁰ and married Celia Witt in Amherst County September 15, 1794. He is mentioned in his brother William's will.

The Richard Oglesby line is therefore as follows:

Richard Oglesby, born circa 1725; alive in 1797; resided in Goochland and Amherst Counties, Virginia; married (1) circa 1750 Sarah Ferguson; she died following the birth of a child on Dec. 17, 1756; (2) Sept. 3, 1758, in Goochland Co., Elizabeth Price, widow of John Curd; it is probable that she is the "Mrs. Ogilvy" who died September, 1774; (3) July 6, 1778, in Amherst County, Nancy ———, widow of Benjamin Cash. She was alive in 1797.

Issue:

1. William, born August 22, 1751; died in 1824 in Oldham Co., Ky.; married Dec. 29, 1771 in Henrico Co., Va., by the Rev. William Douglas to Martha Ellis, dau. of Joseph Ellis.
2. Elizabeth, married (1) Feb. 21, 1775, in Goochland Co., to Thomas Mitchell; (2) a widow, she married Thomas Tourman on Oct. 20, 1777, in Goochland Co.
3. Ann, married Nov. 16, 1775, in Goochland Co. to John Moreland. They had a son Jesse Oglesby born June 18, 1777.
4. James, born Dec. 17, 1756, in Goochland Co.
5. Jesse, born March 24, 1759, in Goochland Co. He may be the Jesse Oglesby who married Celia Witt in Amherst Co., Va., Sept. 15, 1794, and died March 23, 1852, in Madison Co., Ky., and had a son Jacob, born 1801.

⁶ County Court Note Book 10:53: 1931.

⁷ Amherst County Deed Book F, page 616.

⁸ Amherst County Deed Book H, page 224.

⁹ Amherst County Deed Book F, page 263.

¹⁰ Amherst County Deed Book H, page 184.

A MAYFLOWER LINE PROVED AND DISPROVED

Latimer—Dimon—Buttolph

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The late John Reynolds Totten, in his account of the Latimer family in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, vol. 52, p. 11, makes the following statement:

Robert Latimer, b. Feb. 5, 1663-4, at New London; d. Nov. 27, 1728, at New London, and was buried there in Old Burying Ground, gravestone thus inscribed: "Here lyes ye body of Capt. Robert Lattemore; d. November 27, 1728, aged 67 years;" he m. ———, 1693, or previous thereto (see date of birth of his first child) at New London, probably, to Elizabeth (Dymond) Buttolph, as her second husband (daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Bradley) Dymond, of New London, and widow of ——— Buttolph), b. Aug. 14, 1672; bap. Aug. 28, 1672, at New London; d. April 13, 1752 (according to Hempstead, aged about 83), at New London, and was buried there April 14, 1752.

Many of the above statements appear in other printed sources and are susceptible of proof by the evidence of contemporary records or writings. *The Genealogy of the Dimond or Dimon Family*, by Edwin R. Dimond (1891), pp. 14-15, states that Thomas Dimond, born probably 1642, died at New London in 1687, married 22 Sept. 1670, Elizabeth Bradley, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Brewster) Bradley of New London, and granddaughter of Jonathan Brewster; and had a child Elizabeth, born 14 Aug. 1672, who married Robert Lattimore. *The Brewster Genealogy*, by Emma C. B. Jones (1908), vol. 1, p. 18, states that Elizabeth Brewster, daughter of Jonathan and granddaughter of Elder William, born 1 May 1637, died 1708, married first, 7 Sept. 1653, Peter Bradley, by whom she had a daughter Elizabeth Bradley, born 16 Mar. 1654, who married 22 Sept. 1670, Thomas Dymond.

Furthermore, the "Brewster Book" itself, quoted verbatim in *The Mayflower Descendant*, vol. 1, pp. 7, 71-73, gives the birth of Elizabeth Brewster, daughter of Jonathan, on 1 May 1637, her marriage to "Peeter Brawly" on 7 Sept. 1653, the birth of their daughter "Elisabeth Brawly" on 16 Mar. 1654, and the marriage of "Elisabeth Bradly" to "Tho^s: Dymond" on 22 Sept. 1670. Finally, the original New London Vital Records contain (Vol. 1, pp. 2, 7, 8) the birth of Elizabeth daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Bradley on 16 Mar. 1654/5, the marriage of Thomas Dymond of Stratford to Elizabeth daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Bradley [in 1670], and the birth of Elizabeth daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Dymond on 14 Aug. 1672.

There is therefore a proved case for the descent of Elizabeth Dimon or Dymond, born 14 Aug. 1672, from Elder William Brewster. Her marriage to Robert Latimer is based on a record of the court order of distribution of the estate of her brother

Moses Dymond, dated 10 Jan. 1715/16, between Robert Latimer, son of a sister [Elizabeth], and Benjamin and Joseph Shapley, sons of another sister [Ruth]. Robert Lattemore [husband of the sister, of course] had been appointed administrator on the estate of Moses Dimond, 18 Feb. 1706/7. [*New York Gen. and Biog. Record*, vol. 52, pp. 11-12; *THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST*, vol. 11, p. 30.]

This proves that Capt. Robert Latimer married a daughter, undoubtedly Elizabeth, of Thomas and Elizabeth (Bradley) Dimon, who was of Mayflower descent, and also that she was mother of his eldest son Robert. It does not prove that she was mother of his younger children; in fact, had she been, they ought to have had a share in the estate of her brother Moses Dimon. Nor does it prove that she had been the wife of a Buttolph before she married Captain Latimer, for in that event, her Buttolph child or children should also have shared in her brother's estate.

The baptisms of Robert Latimer's children are thus entered in the records of the New London Church [*Later History of the First Church*, pp. 458, 466, 470]:

- 15 Oct. 1693. Robt. Latimore had his child baptized, Robert.
- 5 Sept. 1703. Robt. Latimore's children, Jonathan, Samuell, Peter [baptized].
- 9 Nov. 1707. Ens. Latimore's child, Anne [baptized].

It is odd that there is a gap of ten years after the baptism of the eldest son Robert, and that then three children should have been baptized together. This is explained if Elizabeth Dimon, mother of Robert, died not long after his birth in 1693; and if a second wife, mother of the younger children, did not join the church until 1703.

What of the Buttolph connection? If there was a second wife, it must have been she who was a widow Buttolph. Captain Totten based his Buttolph statement partly on the will of Robert Latimer, dated 12 Aug. 1727, proved 19 Dec. 1728, in which he mentioned his wife Elizabeth, sons Robert, Jonathan, Samuel and Peter, daughter-in-law [i.e. step-daughter] Elizabeth Buttolph, daughter Ann Latimer, and some grandchildren; and partly on the Diary of Joshua Hempstead (published 1901). Entries from the latter (pp. 204, 469, 587) read:

- Nov. 28, 1728. Capt. Latimer died last night about nine Clock.
- Nov. 29, 1728. I was at Court & at Capt Lattimers funeral & one of the Bearers.
- Oct. 19, 1746. Last Night Elizabeth Buttolph the Daughter of Ms Lattimer by her first Husband Died of the Bloody flux after She had Lived a Chaste Single life with her mother 54 years or 55.
- Oct. 20, 1746. toward night I went to the funeral of Elizabeth Buttolph & was one of the Pall Barers.
- Apr. 13, 1752. old Ms Lattimer Died this morning, aged about 83.
- Apr. 14, 1752. toward night I was att the funeral of old Ms Lattimer & was one of the Pall Bearers. . . .

Mrs. Elizabeth Latimer, formerly Mrs. Buttolph, can be identified as widow of George Buttolph of Wethersfield, Conn., third child and son of Lieut. John Buttolph. George was born at Salem, Mass., 15 Oct. 1667, and came to Wethersfield as a child with his father's family. Lieut. John Buttolph died at Wethersfield 14 Jan. 1692/3, leaving a good estate, and his nuncupative will, made the day before when very sick, gave to his son George's wife Elizabeth Buttolph £10 besides her husband's portion "for her loving, careful paines in attending of me in my sickness." [Manwaring's Digest, Hartford Probate District, 1-422.]

This establishes the name of George Buttolph's wife as Elizabeth. George did not long survive his father. Administration on his estate was granted to the Widow, 13 May 1696, with Mr. Henry Buck and John Buttolph to assist her. The inventory, taken a day earlier by Nathaniel Boreman and Obadiah Dickinson, has appended to it the names and ages of the children:

Geo: Buttolph 6 year old
Elizebeth Buttolph 3 year & a halfe
Joseph Buttolph 2 year old

[Manwaring's Digest, 1-421, which omits the names and ages of the children; Hartford Probate Files, No. 1041.]

Since the daughter Elizabeth was three and a half years old in May 1696, she was born in the latter part of 1692. Robert Latimer's stepdaughter died 18 Oct. 1746, and Hempstead describes her as then aged 54 or 55 years. If aged 54, she was born in 1692. No other Mrs. Elizabeth Buttolph is found in the Buttolph family (of which an account may be seen in Henry R. Stiles, *History of Ancient Wethersfield*, vol. 2, pp. 192, 193, 199) who was available for second marriage to Robert Latimer, and who had a daughter Elizabeth born about 1692. Furthermore, her elder son George settled in New London, brought there doubtless in consequence of her marriage to Captain Latimer of that place.*

* George Buttolph bought land in New London in 1711, and in 1712 with wife Lydia sold her interest in the estate of Mr. Ezekiel Turner dec'd [New London Land Records, 6-253, 338]. Administration on his estate ("supposed to be Deceased") was granted 11 Oct. 1736 to Titus Hurlbut. On 20 Jan. 1737/8, Peter Latimore gave receipt for £53.16.11 to settle all accounts and also all demand "about the Sloop Dolphin the sd Buttolph went away in when Lost." [New London Probate Files, No. 440.]

Administration on the estate of Elizabeth Buttolph of New London was granted 11 Nov. 1746 to Peter Latimore of New London. [New London Probate Files, No. 438.]

George Buttolph and Elisabeth Buttolph of New London, for £75, conveyed a right in a house and homelot to Mr. George Stillman of Wethersfield, 12 June 1711, "Robert Latimore" witnessing the deed. On 28 Feb. 1727/8, George Buttolph and Elisabeth Buttolph of New London, and Joseph Buttolph of Groton, all of New London County, Conn., sold to Nathaniel Burnham of Wethersfield 19 acres which had been granted to George Buttolph in 1693/4. [Wethersfield Land Records, 4-32; 5-230.]

Elizabeth Buttolph was a widow in 1696, three years after the baptism of Robert son of Robert Latimer by his first wife Elizabeth Dimon. Supposing that she married Robert Latimer in 1697, she could have had Latimer children born in or about 1698, 1700 and 1702; in other words, she could easily have been mother of Jonathan, Samuel and Peter Latimer who were baptized together on 5 Sept. 1703. Since no one of these sons was named as an heir to the estate of Elizabeth Dimon's brother Moses Dimon, it is reasonable to infer that Mrs. Elizabeth Buttolph was their mother.

We conclude, therefore, that Captain Robert Latimer married first, Elizabeth Dimon, by whom he had a son Robert, baptized 15 Oct. 1693; and that he married second, in or after 1696, Mrs. Elizabeth Buttolph, who was inferentially and almost certainly mother of the younger children, Jonathan, Samuel, Peter, and Anne. Who was this second Elizabeth, before she became the wife of George Buttolph of Wethersfield? Since her first Buttolph child was born about 1690, and her youngest Latimer child in 1707, she was born not much later than 1670 and could have been born a few, but not many, years earlier than that. Hempstead's statement, quoted above, calls her "about 83" at death on 13 Apr. 1752, which would place her birth about 1669. The two men appointed to assist her in administering her first husband's estate, when she was a young widow, were Mr. Henry Buck and John Buttolph. The latter was her husband's brother, and it is natural to assume that the former should have been a relative of her own. Henry and Elizabeth (Churchill) Buck had a daughter Elizabeth, born at Wethersfield 6 June 1670. Stiles in his *History of Ancient Wethersfield* (vol. 2, p. 143) says of her as well as of two of her sisters, that she "prob. d. yg.", but on what grounds he based this surmise is not clear. Henry Buck lived to very old age, and there was no will or probate of his estate to show who the surviving heirs were. It would appear that he conveyed his realty to his sons in his lifetime, and the daughters were presumably portioned at marriage. It is a likely suggestion, but quite unproved, that Elizabeth Buck married first, George Buttolph, and, second, Robert Latimer.

THREE GENERATIONS OF THE SUMNER FAMILY

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ROGER SUMNER, born probably near Bicester, Oxfordshire, England, before 1570, was buried there, 3 Dec. 1608. He married in Bicester, 2 Nov. 1602, Joan Franklin, who married sec-

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only in Bicester, Marcus Brian of Morton, nearby parish. Marcus Brian died in 1620.

The registers of Bicester begin in 1538 and have been searched for or by some one interested in the family. How thoroughly they were examined is not known to the present compiler, but the baptism of Roger Sumner did not eventuate. A William Sumner married there, first, 11 July 1577, Alice Harte, who was buried there, 3 Mar. 1585-86. He then married, 18 Nov. 1587, Mary Mercer, who was buried in Bicester, his widow, 13 Sept. 1604. His children, by his second wife were: (1) *Susan*, bapt. 24 Jan. 1587-88; (2) *Peter*, bapt. 8, bur. 13 Feb. 1588-89; (3) *Roger*, bapt. 25 Feb. 1589-90; (4) *Richard*, bapt. 25 June, bur. 29 July 1594; (5) *George*, bapt. 17 Aug. 1595. When Roger Sumner made his will, he mentioned in it his brother William's *five* children, so if, as is assumed by the historians of this Sumner family, this William was the brother of Roger, he must have had two children by his first wife, Alice Harte. As the earliest mention quoted of this family in Bicester is in 1576, it seems evident that the family moved into the parish about that time. Possibly William Sumner married a Bicester girl while he was living in some other parish and his first children were baptised there. There seems no proof that both the marriages of William Sumner were of the same person, although that is probably so, and it is possible that the marriage of a William to Alice Harte may have been a second marriage of an earlier William and that the earlier William was Roger's father. This hypothesis makes no allowance for the *five* children of Roger's brother William. If the two marriages are of the same William, he must have been born as early as 1557 and probably as early as 1555, and hence much older than Roger Sumner. There is really not enough data found to settle this point.*

In the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol. 9, pp. 297-306, is a letter from a descendant of William¹ Sumner, dated 12 Dec. 1854. She writes:

"We have many ancient deeds, wills, inventories, letters &c., which I have been looking over, and which might be interesting to some other branch of the family. These papers are in a somewhat disordered condition . . ."

The letter appears in connection with an article on the family and the following are listed as part of the material in her possession.

* The other Sumner records found but not used in the Bicester Registers are:

Baptisms,

Thomas Hodge alias Somner, 31 May 1583.

Mary Sumner, 8 Mar. 1619-20.

Alice Somner, 17 Nov. 1622.

Burials,

Maud Sumner, 24 Oct. 1576.

Anne Sumner, 6 June 1632.

[Was Maud Sumner, dying in 1576, a wife of William who m. in 1577?]

1. An Indenture made 15 Sept. 1637, between Joshua Carter & William Somner, both of Dorchester, Mass., in which Carter sells unto Sumner his house and two homelots, together with his great lot, and 3 Acres of Meadow next unto Mr. Roger Williams, for £28. Signed Joshua Carter, witnessed by Oliver Purchis & John Strong.

2. A deed from Henry Woodward of Dorchester, husbandman, to William Sumner, of 8 acres of land, in Dorchester. Consideration £14. Witnessed by Roger Clap, Hopestill Foster, William Blake. Acknowledged by Henry Woodward & Elizabeth, his wife, before Humphrey Atherton, 14 (9) 1659.

3. The disposition of the lands of Roger Sumner* in the second division in Dorchester. "This was Read before the towne this 6: 12; in 1671, and ordered to be recorded."

4. The Inventory of Roger Sumner's estate, taken by order of the Court, 20 June 1698. The Estate at Lancaster, apprized by Ralph Houghton, James Atherton & Joseph Houghton. The Estate at Milton, taken by Thomas Vose, Ralph Houghton & Samuel Trescott, 14 Dec. 1700. Mary Sumner, the widow of Roger, to have, as her thirds, the old end of the dwelling house in Milton, valued at £18, 18^s. Their eldest son, Samuel, then deceased, had left an estate in Lancaster, a division of which was made to his heirs. The names of the other children of Roger mentioned in this inventory, are, William, Ebenezer, Waitstill Tucker, Mary Nichols, & Rebeckah Hubart. To William was given a house and 20 acres of land purchased of John Dike.

5. The Will of William Sumner, Senior, of Dorchester . . . [See later]

"6. The moveable estate of William Sumner, sen^r is divided amongst the 19 children of W^m Sumner; 12 children of Roger; 8 of George; 13 of Samuel; 8 of Increase; 22 of Aaron Way."

The following memorandum is on the back of this document:—
"Whereas it hath pleased Allmighty God in the Way of his holy providence to Take away our honored father by death, William Sumner, the aged, of Dorchester, this ninth day of December in the yeare 1688. The Charges of his desente burial is as followeth

	£.	s.	d.
In premise gloves	01.	18.	09.
in Wine	01.	11.	02.
It. for the Cofein	00.	8.	00.
It. for diging the grave	00.	04.	00.
It. for recording his death	00.	04.	00.
It. for ringing the bell	00.	01.	00.

[4. 06. 11.]"

* Roger,² William.¹

There was also among this collection of old Sumner papers the following most important document:

"Abstract of an Indenture made 10 April, 1650, between William Sumner of Burcester als. Bisseter, Co. Oxon, yeoman, on the one part, and William Swift of the same town, yeoman, of the other part. Whereas the right hon. William late Earl of Derby, by one fine levied before the Justices of the Common Pleas, at Westminster, in the 39th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth [1597], between Thomas Wickens and Thomas Clemens, complainants, and the said Earl did grant unto the said Wickens and Clemens one messuage and tenement, situate in Burcester, als Biseter, in a place called St. Johns End, and all barns, courts, gardens, &c. thereunto belonging, and one close of pasture, containing, by estimation one acre of ground, lying on the West side of said messuage, and three quarters of a yard land of arable, and one piece of ground called Thrumwell, containing by estimation one acre and three leies and a half, in a place called Town Langford, and one rood of meadow in Town Langford, and one half acre, in a place called Swan's Nest, and all commons belonging, all which premises were then in the possession of Roger Sumner, his assign or assigns. To have and to hold, &c from the feast of St. Michael, the Archangel last past before the said fine, unto the full end of 10,000 years. And Whereas the said Wickens and Clemens by the indenture bearing date, 22 March, in the 40th year of the reign of Elizabeth, for the consideration therein mentioned, have assigned unto the said Roger Sumner, then of Burcester, als. Bisseter, husbandman, all the before recited premises, &c., which the said Sumner by his last will, noncupative, bearing date 3 Dec. 1608, did give the said premises with the appurtenances [to his son William], and the said William Sumner, party to these presents, son of the said Roger, by said will proved in the Archdeacons Court; in the diocese of Oxon may appear. Now this Indenture Witnesseth, that the said William Sumner, in consideration of the sum of threescore and ten pounds to him paid by the said William Swift, at the delivery of these presents, the receipt Whereof he doth acknowledge, doth sell unto the said Swift, all the messuage or tenement at St. John's End and the close aforesaid on the west side, and the half of the [residue of the before mentioned] premises separated from the other moiety sold by said William Sumner unto Richard Clemens of Burcester, mercer. To have and to hold &c. In witness whereof the parties, first above named have set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written. In the presence of John Dow, Harcourt Pettys, William Botte, Jeffrey Smith."

The presence of this old indenture among the papers which have been handed down in the family as far as the great-great-

granddaughter who owned them in 1854, gives positive proof of the ancestral home of William Sumner. As he was in America as early as 1635, it is strange that he is called, "of Burcester," but he may have returned to England for the purpose of disposing of this property which he was unable to do as long as his mother lived.

The nuncupative will of Roger Sumner, abstracted from the records at Oxford by Somerby, is also given in this article.

"The last Will Nuncupative of Roger Sumner of Burcester, als Bysiter, in the county of Oxon, Husbandman, deceased, made and declared by him by word of mouth, this third day of December, Anno Dmi 1608, in the p'sense of William Wickens, John Hudson, and Thomas Crosse, was [as] followeth:

Imprimis, he being in his pfecte memory, his soule he bequeathed unto the hand of Allmightie god, and his body to the earth from whence it came, He appointed and bequeathed his goods as followeth:

Item. I doe give and bequeathe unto Joane my wyffe, and Willm my sonn, equally betwene them, the estate of my house, wthall the comodyties thereof, duringe the lyfe of Joane my wife, And, after her lyffe, the whole lyfinge to Willm my sonn and his heyres. And it is my will that Joane, my wyfe, shall have the gov'ment and rule of Willm, my sonn, duringe all the time of his mynoritie, untill he come to the full age of xxj yeres. And further, I do give and bequeath unto W^m my sonn xxj^{lb} vj^s viij^d of lawful English money, to be paid him at his age of xxj^{tee} yeres, or at the day of death of Joane my wyfe, if she happen to dye or decease before my sonn Will^m come to the said age of one and Twentie yeres. Item, it is my will, that Joane, my wyfe, shall not make anie manner of Wylful wast or spoyle upon the said lyfinge and premisses, during the lyfe of said Joane, my wyfe. Item, I doe give and bequeath unto my brother Willm, Sumner, his Children, being five of them, xxx^s of lawful English money to be equally divided betwene them, to be paid them wth in one yere next after my decease. The rest of all my goods, as well moveable as unmoveable, my debts paid, my funeral discharged, and this my last will and testam^t fulfilled and kepte, I doe give and bequeathe unto Joane, my wyfe, whom I doe make my whole Executrix of this my last will and testament. I appointe ov'seers of this my last will and testament, Willm Wickens & Henry Francklin." [This will is signed by "John Hedson Wm Wykins Thomas Crosse."] "Proved 22 Mar. 1608-09."

It is evident from this will that Roger Sumner was a young man when he died and that his parents had deceased and that he and his brother William were the only surviving children of their parents. It is hardly likely that Roger would have remem-

bered his brother William's children and not mentioned in any way his other brothers and sisters or father and mother if there were any of them living.*

Child, born in Bicester, Oxfordshire, Eng.:

1. WILLIAM¹, bapt. 27 Jan. 1604-05; m. MARY SWIFT. The emigrant to New England.

WILLIAM¹ SUMNER (*Roger*), baptised in Bicester, Oxfordshire, England, 27 Jan. 1604-05, died in Dorchester, Mass., 9 Dec. 1688. He married in Bicester, 22 Oct. 1625, Mary Swift, born probably about 1606-07, died in Dorchester, 7 June 1676, sister of Thomas Swift.

Owing to a misreading of the Bicester register, it has always been written that William Sumner's wife was Mary *West*. The present compiler's attention was caught by the statement in Thomas Swift's will that he made his overseers, his brothers-in-law, John Capen and William Sumner. The will of Dorothy (Capen) Upshall, made 30 Aug. 1673, mentions her brother John Capen and sisters Elizabeth Swift and Honour Hannum. She does not mention any sister Mary Sumner, although the latter was still living, so Mary, wife of William Sumner was not a Capen, nor was Elizabeth Swift a West. Evidently then William was not a brother-in-law of Thomas Swift because his wife was a sister of Thomas Swift's wife Elizabeth Capen nor because Thomas Swift's wife might have been a Sumner and a sister of William, for he was an only child. The *only* way that Sumner could be a brother-in-law was for him to have married Thomas Swift's sister. It seemed wise therefore to have that marriage record checked. A letter to the vicar of Bicester Church brought the following answer; he was asked to check very carefully. He wrote: "In reply to your letter of Dec. 20, 1932 asking about the Entry in the Marriage Register of this Parish of the Mar-

* There are some other mentions of English Sumners which are interesting as showing not only that the surname is found in other localities but also that the name Roger, a rather unusual name, appears in the other branches.

"Arthur Somner of Chittlehampton in the County of Devon, fuller, 25 May 1637, proved 10 Oct. 1637. Son John, son Roger (under twenty-one), daughter Ales Somner, godson John Somner, my brother John's three other children, my brother William Somner's two children, uncle John Tanner's children. Wife Mary to be executrix and brothers John Somner, William Somner & Lewis Smale to be overseers. Goare, 129." (*Genealogical Gleanings in England, Waters, p. 202.*)

"William Sumpner of Waltham Holy Cross, co. Essex, 12 Feb. 1656, proved 7 May 1657, by Roger Sumpner, one of the executors. To daughter Susan Williams, daughter Mary Sumpner, son William; wife Jane and youngest son Roger executors. The overseers to be brother Roger Sumpner and brother-in-law William Sawdrie." (*ibid.*, p. 2.)

The prevalence of the names Roger and William suggests that these people may be of kin to those of Bicester, who evidently moved into that parish rather late in the sixteenth century, but the counties of Oxford, Devon, and Essex are not even adjacent shires.

The following record may be of a kinsman of the Waltham Sumners. It is found in the Church of the Virgin Mary and all Saints, manor of Kechin Hall, half hundred of Harton, co. Essex:

"Near this place lies the body of Mr. William Sumner, last tenant to the last Lord Abbot of St Edmund's Bury. He gave towards the beautifying this Church, 10l. 6s. 11d. He died A.D. 1559." (*History of Essex, Salmon, p. 73.*)

riage of William Sumner on Oct. 22, 1625. . . The Register is somewhat faded & the writing a little indistinct & on first sight the name looks rather like "West." On closer examination however it is quite clearly not *West* but *Swift*. The "S" is quite plain as well as the "i" but there is no doubt that the name is Swift. The Entry reads:

1625. Oct. 22. William Sumner and
Mary Swift"

This makes the wills of Thomas Swift and Dorothy Upshall intelligible, and there is no doubt that William Sumner's wife was sister of Thomas Swift. In this connection the following record in Holy Trinity, Dorchester, Eng., is of interest:

Thomas Swift and Elizabeth Capen married 18 Oct. 1630.

William Sumner and his family were in New England before 1 Feb. 1635, when it was "Ordered that Will: Sumner is to have 3 acres of the fresh marsh next Goodman Ford." (*Dorchester Records*.) As his son George was baptised in March, 1633-34 in Bicester, it is apparent that William Sumner came to New England in 1634. In 1636, he was chosen one of the twenty men to order the town's affairs; and from this time on for many years his name constantly appears in the records of the town as holding positions of trust, he being a selectman for twenty-three years, a rater of taxes for five years, and a Commissioner to end small causes (*i.e.*, a Justice of the Peace) for nine years. When a "baliffe" was needed, 24 Dec. 1645, "Sergeant Sumner" received the office. He was given various grants of land in Dorchester. He is generally called just William Sumner, being later given the addition of "Sr.", when his son William became of age. In one instance he was called, "Mr." William Sumner. This was in 1641.

The following record is of interest:

"att the Court holden att New Towne Aprill 5th 1636, it was ordered that Willm Shepheard, serv^t to Willm Sumner shalbe whipt for stealing victuals from his m^r. & beanes from the Indians." (*Records of the Court of Assistants*, 2:62.)

William Sumner was made a Freeman, 17 May 1637. He represented Dorchester as a Deputy to the General Court of Massachusetts in 1658, from 1666 to 1670, in 1672, from 1678 to 1681, and from 1683 to 1686. (*Register of the Massachusetts Society of Colonial Dames*, 468.)

The Ms. Archives of Massachusetts contain many mentions of his services to his new country and town, and the following deposition is to be noted:

"William Sumner aged Eighty years or thereabouts, and Richard Hall of Dorchester aged 65 years or thereabouts and

Thomas Holman aged 45 years or thereabouts and Timothy Tilstone aged 49 years or thereabouts testifieth . . . that Thomas Swift of Dorchester deceased and Thomas Swift of Milton his Son has possessed a tract of upland . . . in . . . Dorchester by tilling & mowing for the space of thirty Six years," 23 Dec. 1685. (*Suffolk Deeds*, 13:408.)

He died testate:

"I William sumner sen^r of Dorchester in the County of suffolke in new England being through gods mercy in a Competent measure of health and understanding though aged and know not the time of my desolution Which cannot be long: to preuent as much as in mee lieth all Controuersy after my decease aboute my temporall Estate doe make my last will and testament in maner and forme following:

Imprimis that all due debtes and charges aboute my funerall be in the first yeare discharged: Item: my Will is that all my lands both tillage, meadow, and pasturage and what Euer land not yet layed out which doth of Right belong unto me with all the housing in my present possession, that is to say all my lands and housing in present possession to be Equally deuided into six partes: that is to [say] one sixth part to my son Roger Sumner: an other sixth part to my son George sumner; an other sixth part to my son samuel sumner; an other sixth part to my son Increase sumner; an other sixth part to my Daughter Joane Way: and another sixth part to be Equally deuided amongst my Eldest sons children: viz william sumners, being at present nine of them: and if any of them die in there minoretie theire shares to Remaine to to [sic] theire mother if she suruiue them: or if otherwise to Remaine to thos of the Children that doe suruiue: Item: my will is that all my mouable Estate both Within doore and without doores be Equally deuided among my grandchildren and great grandchildren those only Excepted that are grandchildren by my son william Sumner: Who have theire sixth part of houseing and lands aboue Expressed: Item my will is that my debtes and funerall Charges shal be equally born and discharged by those to whom I have giuen my housing and lands: Item my will is that What Ever I have formerly desposed of to any of my children should not be Called in question so as to hinder them from the Enioyment of any part of theire sixth part formerly mentioned in this instrument I doe ordaine and constitute my son Roger sumner: my son George sumner, my son samuel sumner; my son Increase Sumner: and my daughter Joane Way to be ioynt Executors and Executrix of this my last will and testament: Item my will is that Rebecah Adams and Anthony hancock (who were formerly my seruants) my will is that they shall each of them haue twenty shillings to be payed to them by my son Georg: sumner moreover I doe intreate and

impower my loving brethren and freinds Elder James Blake and lift samuel Clap to be ouerseers of this my last will and testament . . .

Dated the first day of march Anno-dom: 1688''

Wit: James Blake Sen' "William Sumner" and a seal.
John Blake.

This will was proved in Suffolk Court, 24 Mar. 1691-92. His inventory, taken 23 Jan. 1688, amounted to £509. 19s. 11d. (*Suffolk Probate, File 1926.*)

Children:

- i. WILLIAM², eldest son, b. about 1627, probably in Oxfordshire, d. Feb. 1675, Boston, Mass.; m. about 1650, ELIZABETH CLEMENT, b. about 1630, d. before 1684, probably in Reading, Eng., dau. of Augustine Clement. Administration on William's estate was granted to Elizabeth, his widow, 27 May 1675, bondsman, Elder John Wiswall. (*Suffolk Probate, 737.*) An agreement of his children, namely William Sumner; John Trow (in behalf of himself and Joshua Henshaw, John Goff, and Ebenezer Sumner); Sarah Turell; Thomas Gould; Deliverance Sumner; and Timothy Pratt as guardian to Clement Sumner; regarding the division of his property was made, 4 May 1687. An acknowledgment of this was signed, 30 Sept. 1695, at which time, Sarah Turell had become Sarah Weeks, Deliverance Sumner had become Deliverance Weeks, and Clement Sumner was of age. (*ibid.*, 17:150.) Children (Sumner), all but first two born in Boston, (1) *Elizabeth*, b. about 1652; m. Joshua Henshaw; (2) *Mary*, b. about 1654; m. Nicholas How and John Trow; (3) *William*, b. 9 Feb. 1656; m. Rachel Avery and Hannah —; (4) *Hannah*, b. 10 June 1659; m. John Goffe; (5) *Sarah*, b. 3 Feb. 1661-62; m. Joseph Turell and Joseph Weeks; (6) *Experience*, b. 22 Sept. 1664; m. Thomas Gould; (7) *Ebenezer*, b. 30 Oct. 1666, lost in the Expedition of 1690; (8) *Deliverance*, b. 18 Mar. 1669; m. Ebenezer Weeks; (9) *Clement*, b. 6 Sept. 1671; m. Margaret Harris; (10) *Mercy*, b. 6 Jan. 1674-75, d. y.
- ii. JOANE, b. about 1629, probably in Oxfordshire, died in South Carolina after 1696; m. about 1647, probably in Dorchester, Mass., AARON WAY, who died between 25 Aug. and 26 Sept. 1695, Boston. In his will, he mentions his wife and children, namely, Mary, Susanna, Moses, Aaron, William, and Joanna, his brothers, George Way and Increase Sumner, and his cousin, William Ireland. (*Suffolk Probate, 2271.*) After his death Joane, his widow, went to Dorchester, S. C., with her two brothers and some of her children. Children (Way), born in Dorchester and Boston, Mass.: (1) *Mary*, bapt. 14 Jan. 1648, Dorchester; (2) *Aaron*, bapt. 6 Oct. 1650, Boston; (3) *William*, bapt. 30 Jan. 1652, Dorchester; (4) *Susanna*, bapt. 1 Apr. 1660, Dorchester; (5) *Joanna*, b. 5 Mar. 1663, Boston; (6) *John*, b. 8 May 1666, Boston, d. y.; (7) *Elizabeth*, b. 23 June 1667, Boston; (8) *Moses*, b. 13 June 1672, Boston.
- iii. ROGER, bapt. 8 Aug. 1632, Bicester, Oxfordshire, Eng., d. 26 May 1698, Milton, Mass.; m. about 1656, probably Dorchester or Lancaster, Mass., MARY JOSLIN, bapt. 16 Mar. 1633-34, Barham, Suffolk, Eng., d. 21 Aug. 1711, in her 78th yr., Milton, dau. of Thomas and Rebecca (—) Joslin [Josselyn]. Administra-

tion on his estate was granted, 21 July 1698, to his widow Mary and his sons, William and Ebenezer Sumner. Division of the estate of Deacon Roger Sumner to his widow and children was made 13 Dec. 1700, they being, the widow Mary Sumner; heirs of Samuel Sumner, eldest son, deceased; William Sumner; Ebenezer Sumner; Waitstill Tucker, eldest daughter, wife of Manasseh Tucker; Mary Nichols; and Rebecca Hubbard. (*Suffolk Probate, 2465.*) Children (Sumner), (1) *Abigail*, b. 16 Nov. 1657, Dorchester, d. 19 Feb. 1657-58; (2) *Samuel*, b. 5 Feb. 1658-59, Dorchester, lost in the Expedition of 1690; m. probably Experience Blake; (3) *Waitstill*, b. 20 Dec. 1661, Lancaster; m. Manasseh Tucker; (4) *Mary*, b. 5 Aug. 1665, Lancaster; m. Israel Nichols; (5) *Jaazaniah*, b. 11 Apr. 1668, Lancaster, lost in the Expedition of 1690; (6) *Rebecca*, b. 9 Oct. 1671, Lancaster; m. Aaron Hobart and Edward Derby; (7) *William*, b. 26 Jan. 1674; m. Esther Puffer; (8) *Ebenezer*, b. 28 May 1678, Dorchester; m. Elizabeth Clapp.

- iv. GEORGE, Lieut., bapt. 1 Mar. 1633-34, Bicester, d. 11 Dec. 1715, Milton, in his 81st yr.; m. 7 Nov. 1662, Northampton, Mass., MARY BAKER, b. probably about 1640, d. 1 Apr. 1719, Milton, dau. of Edward and Jane (—) Baker. He left no will, administration being granted to his wife and son George, the former petitioning the Court to allow her son Benjamin to be joined with them which was done. (*Suffolk Probate, 3279.*) The widow left a will, dated 19 Aug. 1717, in which she gave to her son Benjamin; her dau. Mary Swinerton; her grandchild Ruth Swinerton; residue to be divided among all her children. Son Benjamin, executor. (*ibid.*, —.) Children, born in Dorchester and Milton, (1) *Mary*, b. 12 Feb. 1663-64, Dorchester; m. Joseph Swinerton of Salem, Mass.; (2) *George*, b. 9 Feb. 1666; m. Anne Tucker; (3) *Samuel*, b. 19 Oct. 1668, Milton, a Sergeant in Capt. Withington's Co., Expedition of 1690, in which he was lost; (4) *William*, b. 7 Apr. 1671, Milton, lost in the Expedition of 1690; (5) *Ebenezer*, b. 9 Dec. 1673; m. Abigail Lovett; (6) *Edward*, b. 29 Aug. 1676, Milton; m. Elizabeth Clap; (7) *Joseph*, b. 25 Jan. 1678; m. Sarah Lovett; (8) *Benjamin*, b. 15 Dec. 1683, Milton; m. Elizabeth Badcock.

- v. SAMUEL, b. 18 May 1638, Dorchester, d. after 1698 in Dorchester, S. C.; m. 7 Mar. 1659, Dorchester, Mass., REBECCA STAPLES, b. 27 Nov. 1639, Weymouth, Mass., d. after 1696 in South Carolina, dau. of John Staples. Children (Sumner), born in Dorchester, (1) *Preserved*, b. 14 May 1660, d. 25 Dec. 1675; (2) *Rebecca*, b. 3 Jan. 1661-62; m. Ephraim Wilson; (3) *Mary*, b. 20 Mar. 1664, m. Abraham Gorton; (4) *Samuel*, b. 5 Mar., d. 26 May 1666; (5) *Mehetabel*, b. 21 July 1668; (6) *John*, b. 1 Apr. 1670, d. 15 Oct. 1676; (7) *Thankful*, b. 9 Dec. 1671; (8) *Susanna*,* b. about 1672, d. 7 Nov. 1678; (9) *Samuel*, b. 8 Mar. 1673-74; (10) *Elizabeth*, b. 19 Mar. 1675-76; (11) *Ann*,* born 8 Aug. 1678; (12) *Nathaniel*, b. 9 Nov. 1680; (13) *Increase*, b. 21 Aug., d. 3 Sept. 1684.

- vi. INCREASE, b. 23 Feb. 1642-43, died after 1696† in South Carolina; m. 26 Mar. 1666-67, Dorchester, Mass., SARAH STAPLES, born about 1645, probably in Weymouth, died after 1686, and prob-

* The Dorchester Records are carefully kept. It is probable that the death of Susanna, 7 Nov. 1678, refers to Ann, as the names are sometimes used interchangeably.

† In 1696, a large body of people, chiefly from Dorchester, Mass., but with others from Essex Co., Mass., emigrated to South Carolina, founding a town there which they named after their home town, "Dorchester." The climate proved unhealthy and later many of them removed to Midway, Ga.

ably in South Carolina after 1696, dau. of John Staples. Children (Sumner), born in Dorchester and Milton, (1) *Increase*, b. 15 Jan. 1667-68, Dorchester, d. 30 Sept. 1683; (2) *Sarah*, b. 12 May 1669, Dorchester, d. y.; (3) *William*, b. 9 July 1670, Milton, lost in Expedition of 1690; (4) *Sarah*, b. 15 July 1672, Milton, d. 22 Oct. 1683; (5) *Joseph*, b. 24 Aug. 1674, Milton; (6) *Benjamin*, b. 29 Aug. 1675, Dorchester; (7) *Thankful*, b. 20 June 1678, Dorchester; (8) *Roger*, b. 24 Apr. 1680, Dorchester; (9) *Samuel*, b. 27 July 1684, Dorchester; (10) *Mehitable*, b. 18 June 1686, Dorchester.

A BOWNE PROBLEM

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There were two important families that bore the name of Bowne, who settled in the middle colonies in America during the seventeenth century. The immigrant ancestor of one of these families was Thomas Bowne, who was baptized at Matlock, co. Derby, England, 25 May 1595. He was a shearman, or cloth-worker, and he migrated to the New World early in 1649, accompanied by his son John and his daughter Dorothy (who married Edward Farrington). The family settled first at Boston, but removed soon after 1651 to Flushing, L. I., where Thomas Bowne died 18 Aug. 1677. His son John Bowne was an eminent member of the Society of Friends, and has been called the "Pioneer of Freedom." He was born at Matlock 9 of 3rd. month (May) 1627, and died at Flushing 20 of 10 month (Dec.) 1695. He was married thrice, and from him is descended the large and eminent family of Long Island Bownes, most of whom were Quakers.¹

The other family of Bownes is descended from William Bowne, who is said to have come from Yorkshire with his wife Ann and son John, and to have settled at Salem, Mass., in 1631. Four more sons (James, Andrew, Philip and Gershom) and a daughter were born to William and Ann Bowne at Salem. The family removed to Gravesend, L. I., about 1645, and to Middletown, Monmouth Co., N. J., in 1664. William Bowne died at Middletown about 1677. His sons were prominent men in Monmouth Co., and all of them seem to have been associated with the Baptist Church at Middletown. John Bowne, the eldest of them, was a patentee of the Monmouth Patent, 8 April 1665; a Deputy to the first legislative Assembly of East Jersey, 26 May 1668, again a Deputy in 1675, and Speaker of the Assembly in 1683.

¹ John Cox, Jr., *Some Members of the Bowne, Clement and Thorne Families of Flushing, L. I., N. Y.*; John Cox, Jr., *John Bowne, Pioneer of Freedom*; William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy*, vol. 3 (Records of New York City and Long Island) (Ann Arbor, Mich., 1940), pp. 39-43.

He was also President of the Court in 1677, and Major of the Monmouth Co. Militia in 1683. He died at Middletown 3 Jan. 1683/4. His brother, Andrew Bowne, was a member of the East Jersey Provincial Council in 1692, Deputy Governor of East Jersey in 1699, and Governor of East Jersey in 1701. He died in 1707-8.

The present article is concerned with a certain John Bowne, who in all probability was connected with either one or the other of the foregoing Bowne families, yet whose precise antecedents and relationships have until the present remained shrouded in obscurity. This John Bowne was a Quaker (which leads one to believe that his connection must have been with the Long Island, rather than the New Jersey, Bowne family). He appeared in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in or before 1714, and on 22 Oct. 1714 he bought 100 acres of land from Jasper and Susannah Terry, of Bristol Township, Bucks Co. On 5 of 6th. month (Aug.) 1715, John Bowne and Mary Beakes asked the permission of the Falls Monthly Meeting of Friends to marry. On 3 of 9th. month (Nov.) 1715, they applied a second time for permission to marry, and were told to proceed. There is, however, no actual record of their marriage in the records of the Falls Monthly Meeting; but the marriage must have taken place very soon after 3 Nov. 1715. John and Mary (Beakes) Bowne had three children, Mary (b. 17 Dec. 1716), Abraham (b. 20 Jan. 1719/20), and Ann (b. 18 Feb. 1724/5). Not long after the youngest child was born, John Bowne died, and letters of administration on his estate were issued to his widow Mary (Beakes) Bowne on 1 Feb. 1725/6. Mary (Beakes) Bowne married again on 8 May 1728 Lancelot Martin, of Bristol Township; and there is a lot of information in the Bucks County Orphans' Court records concerning John Bowne's estate, and suits which were brought by the three Bowne children (Mary, Abraham and Ann) to recover their inheritance from the Martins. Lancelot and Mary (Beakes) (Bowne) Martin must have been thoroughly objectionable people.

The records found in Bucks County concerning the family of John Bowne of Bristol Township are given herewith, followed by a pedigree in the usual form.

DEEDS

Jasper Terry and Susannah his wife to John Bowne. Jasper Terry and Susannah his wife of Bristol Township, Bucks Co., yeoman, send greeting. Whereas Wm. Penn Esquire Proprietary & Governor by Patent dated 24 of 1st. month 1701 did grant to Thomas Terry late of Bristol dec'd. a piece of land in Bristol Township beginning at the corner of Edmund Lovett his land, adjoining land of said Lovett and of John Hiett, Anthony Burton, and Phineas Pemberton, containing 100 acres more or less, by Patent recorded in the Rolls Office in Philadelphia in Book A, vol. 2, pp. 57-58. Now Jasper Terry, eldest son of the sd. Thomas Terry dec'd., and

Susannah wife of the sd. Jasper, for £72 10s., do sell the said land to John Bowne of Bristol Township, husbandman, etc., etc. Dated 22 Oct. 1714. (Signed) Jasper Terry, Susannah Terry. Witnesses: Wm. Baldwin, Edmund Lovett, Edmund Lovett, Jr. Recorded 7 April 1715. (Deed Book 5, pp. 91-92, Bucks County Court House, Doylestown, Pa.)

John Bowne and Mary his wife to Edmund Lovett. John Bowne of Bristol Township, Bucks Co., Pa., and Mary his wife send greeting. Whereas a certain piece of land in Bristol Township, adjoining the land of Edmund Lovett, John Hiatt, Anthony Burton & Phineas Pemberton, containing 100 acres more or less; and whereas Jasper Terry of Bristol Township did sell the sd. land to John Bowne on 22 Oct. 1714. Now the sd. John Bowne and Mary his wife, for the consideration of £90 10s., do sell the sd. land to Edmund Lovett, etc. etc. Dated 6 April 1722. (Signed) John Bowne, Mary Bowne. Witnesses: Samson Cary, Solomon Warder, Wm. Atkinson. Recorded 21 Dec. 1761. (Deed Book 10, p. 322, Bucks County Court House, Doylestown, Pa.)

PROBATE RECORDS

Will of MARGARET TODHUNTER of Westtown Township, Chester Co., Pa., widow of John Todhunter, dated 14 Dec. 1723. To my son John Todhunter, £140 at age of 21, he to be brought up and educated at the charge of Stephen Beakes. I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Mary, wife of John Bowne, my set of white Curtains and one halfe of my wearing apparel, Together with the sum of £3 currant mony of America, to be pay'd to her by my executors within twelve months after my Decease. To my daughter Ann, wife of Caleb Perkins, the remaining halfe of my wearing apparel, and £3. To my son Stephen Beakes, the remainder of my estate, and I make my son Stephen Beakes and my friend George Ashbridge executors. Not signed. Witnesses: John Taylor, Thomas Smedley, Benjamin Hickman. Memorandum: "The Testatrix above named being Instantly seized upon by Death was the reason the above said will was not signed as the witnesses Declared." Proved 17 Dec. 1723 by the executors named. (Probate Court, Chester County Court House, West Chester, Pa.)

Administration of the Estate of JOHN BOUND (*sic*) Letters issued to the relict Mary Bound, 1 Feb. 1725/6. Fellow-bondsmen: Thomas Watson, Samuel Beakes. £400. (Administration Book A, p. 2, no. 235, Probate Court, Bucks County Court House, Doylestown, Pa.)

Administration of the Estate of WILLIAM DOUDNEY. Letters issued to the relict Elizabeth Doudney, 28 April 1729. Fellow-bondsmen: Richard Bidgood, William Brelsford. £150. Inventory filed 28 April 1729. (Administration Book A, p. 3, no. 283, Probate Court, Bucks County Court House, Doylestown, Pa.)

Will of WILLIAM BRELSFORD of Middletown Township, Bucks Co., Pa., carpenter, dated 22 Oct. 1731. Sick of body. To dear wife Elizabeth 40s. a year for life, and to live on my plantation with my son John, peaceably, in satisfaction of dower. To my son John, my house and lands. To my well-beloved [son?] Abraham Brelsford, my house and mill at Bristol. To my son Isaac. To my daughter Lydia. Joseph Headley and John Sisom to be executors. (Signed) William Brelsford. Witnesses: Richard Jones, Hannah Headley, Samuel Brelsford. Proved 8 Nov. 1731.

Administration of the Estate of LANCELOT MARTIN. Letters issued 5 March 1739/40 to the relict Mary Martin. Fellow-bondsmen: Thomas Standsland. £700. (Administration Book A, p. 7, no. 437, Probate Court, Bucks County Court House, Doylestown, Pa.)

Administration of the Estate of THOMAS DOWDNEY late of Bristol Township, Bucks Co., yeoman. Letters issued 6 May 1748 to the relict Mary Dowdney, and to William Bidgood of Bristol Township. Fellow-bondsmen: William Buckley and Abraham Bowne. £260. Inventory taken by Mark Watson and William Bidgood, 6 June 1748: £145 12s. 4d. (Administration Book A, p. 21, no. 620, Probate Court, Bucks County Court House, Doylestown, Pa.)

Administration of the Estate of ELIZABETH BRELSFORD, widow, late of Bristol Township, Bucks Co., Pa. Letters issued 8 July 1748 to Mary Dowdney of Bristol Township, widow. Fellow-bondsmen: Einion Williams and John Hutchinson, both of Bristol. £20. Inventory taken 8 July 1748, exhibited 8 Aug. 1748. (Administration Book A, p. 22, no. 625, Probate Court, Bucks County Court House, Doylestown, Pa.)

Will of MARY MARTIN of Bristol Township, Bucks Co., widow, dated 23 Aug. 1756. To my daughter, Mary Palmer, £20. My son, John Martin, to be executor of my estate and to have the remainder. (Signed) The mark of Mary Martin. Witnesses: George Oat, Edmund Beakes. Proved by Edmund Beakes, 24 Sept. 1756. (Will Book 2, p. 300, Probate Court, Bucks County Court House, Doylestown, Pa.)

Administration of the Estate of ABRAHAM BOWNE of Bristol Township, Bucks Co., Pa. Letters issued 8 Dec. 1760 to the relict Grace Bowne. Fellow-bondsmen: Benjamin Swaine of Bristol Township, William Large of Bristol Borough. £300. (Administration Book A, p. 34, no. 1056, Probate Court, Bucks County Court House, Doylestown, Pa.)

Will of BENJAMIN SWAIN of Bristol Township, Bucks Co., Pa., yeoman, dated 31 March 1791. My son David Swain and my grandson Benjamin Swain to be executors. To my daughter Catharine Silvers, wife of James Silvers. To my grandchildren Benjamin, Samuel, David, Jonathan, Abraham, Elizabeth and Hannah Swain, children of my deceased son Abraham Swain. Jonathan Woolston of Middletown to be the guardian of those of my grandchildren that are minors. (Signed) Benj. Swain. Witnesses: Isaac Watson, Thos. Watson, James Hicks. Proved 23 April 1792.

Administration of the Estate of JOHN DOWDNEY of Bristol Borough, Bucks Co., Pa., innkeeper. Letters issued 3 May 1796 to Sarah Dowdney, the relict, and to David Olden. Fellow-bondsmen: Richard Bidgood and Charles Bisonett. £5000. (Administration Book B, p. 4, no. 2643, Probate Court, Bucks County Court House, Doylestown, Pa.)

ORPHANS' COURT RECORDS

10 Sept. 1739. Petition of Abraham Bown and Thomas Dowdney and Mary his wife on behalf of themselves and Ann Bown humbly sheweth:—

That John Bown late of the Township of Bristol in ye County of Bucks, yeoman, deceased, father to your petitioners (the said Abraham Bown, Mary Dowdney and Ann Bown), about ten years agoe dyed intestate being at the time of his decease legally seised of a certain messuage & plantation scituate in the Township of Bristol affsd. as also of a considerable personal estate, that administration of the said decedent's estate was committed to Mary Bown, Relict of the said John Bown deceased, the mother of your petitioners, that your petitioners' said Mother afterward intermarried with Lancelot Martin of the Township of Bristol affsd. And your petitioners being humbly of the opinion that they are as well Entitled to their respective shares or proportions of the yearly profits of the said messuages and Plantation since the decease of their said Father as to their respective

shares of the personal Estate of the said decedent, And therefore have desired the said Administrators to accoumt to Your Petitioners for the same, the which they have positively refused to do.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that the said Administrators may be required to lay their accoumpts of the said Administration of the said Estate before this Court and that such Order may be taken in the premises according to the laws of this Province as to Justice does appertain and your Petitioners shall ever pray &c.

Abraham Bown
Thomas Dowdney
Mary Dowdney
her
Ann A Bown
mark

Memoranda

Mary Bown was born the 17 of the 10th. month (Dec.) 1716.

Abraham Bown was born the 20 of the 11th. month (Jan.) 1719/20.

Ann Bown was born the 18 of the 12th. month (Feb.) 1724/5.

The Inventory of the Estate of John Bown, deceased, was taken the 27 of the 9th. month (Nov.) 1725, by Thos. Watson, Samuel Beakes, Richard Bidgood and Samuel Bunting. It amounted to £276 1s. 11d.

Samuel Bunting was appointed guardian of Abraham Bown, 10 Dec. 1739.

Lancelot Martin, who married the widow of the deceased John Bown, gave bonds for the payment of the childrens' shares of the personal estate of their said deceased father, 15 Dec. 1739.

The share of Abraham Bowne, the sd. dec'd's son, £52 15s. 1d.

The share of Mary Dowdney, the sd. dec'd's daughter, £26 7s. 6d.

The share of Ann Bowne, the sd. dec'd's daughter, £26 7s. 6d.

Items of Expense:

To schoolling Ann Bown at Elizabeth Brelsford's, £2 0s. 0d.

To dieting & keeping Abraham Bowne at Jonathan Carlile's, £1 7s. 4d.

(Orphans' Court Records, Case No. 63 (1739): John Bowne's Estate. Bucks County Court House, Doylestown, Pa.)

14 June 1748. Petition of Mary Dowdney of Bristol Township, Bucks Co., Pa., widow, to administer the estate of Elizabeth Brelsford of Bristol Township, deceased, the mother of her late husband Thomas Dowdney; and petition of Mary Dowdney aforesaid to be appointed guardian of her two minor children John and Sarah Dowdney. The estate of Elizabeth Brelsford had been inventoried at £16 12s. 6d.

Mary Dowdney and Abraham Bown appointed guardians of the said minor children John Dowdney and Sarah Dowdney, 8 July 1748. (Orphans' Court Records, Case No. 135 (1748): Elizabeth Brelsford's estate. Bucks County Court House, Doylestown, Pa.)

11 June 1755. Petition of Samuel Palmer of Northampton Township, Bucks Co., Pa., yeoman, and Mary his wife late Mary Martin, one of the daughters of Lancelot Martin late of Bristol Township, deceased. The petitioners show that the sd. deceased died leaving a widow and four children: James, Mary, John and Margaret. James (the eldest son) and Margaret (the youngest daughter) both died since the death of their father, & under age. Administration of the estate of the deceased was granted to Mary Martin his widow, who petitioned for settlement of the estate in September 1752. There is a Balance of £234 9s. 6d., and the Plantation. Now Petitioners beg this to be distributed.

Memorandum

Lancelot and Mary Martin's children:

Mary, born 1 of 8th. month (Oct.) 1728.

James, born 12 of 2nd. month (April) 1732; died 24 of 9th. month (Nov.) 1747.

Margaret, born 12 of 5th. month (July) 1734, died 25 of 9th. month (Nov.) 1747.

John, born 14 of 9th. month (Nov.) 1738.

(Orphans' Court Records, Case No. 162 (1755): Lancelot Martin's Estate. Bucks County Court House, Doylestown, Pa.)

FRIENDS' RECORDS, FALLS MONTHLY MEETING

- 1704, 4th. month (June) 14: William Dowdney of Bucks Co. married to Elizabeth Ellet, daughter of William Ellet, of Bucks Co., at the Falls Meeting House.
- 1715, 6th. month (Aug.) 5: John Bowne and Mary Beakes apply for permission to marry.
- 1715, 9th. month (Nov.) 3: John Bowne and Mary Beakes apply a second time for permission to marry; are licensed to proceed.
- 1728, 3rd. month (May) 8: Lancelot Martin, of Bucks Co., and Mary Bowne, of Bucks Co., widow, married at the Falls Meeting House.
- 1740, 4th. month (June) 4: Mary Dowdney condemned for marriage contrary to discipline.
- 1742, 6th. month (Aug.) 4: Thomas Dowdney condemned for marriage contrary to discipline.
- 1749, 12th. month (Feb. 1749/50) 7: Abraham Boun dismissed for marriage contrary to discipline.
- 1750, 11th. month (Jan. 1750/1) 2: Mary Dowdney reported married to Benjamin Swaine.
- 1765, 5th. month (May) 15: James Moon, son of James, of Bucks Co., and Sarah Dowdney, daughter of late Thomas Dowdney, of Bucks Co., married at Falls Meeting House.
- 1765, 6th. month (June) 5: John Dowdney dismissed for marriage out of Meeting.
- 1766, 9th. month (Sept.) 3: Grace Bounds and her daughter Mary received (into membership) by request.

PEDIGREE OF THE BOWNE FAMILY OF BUCKS CO., PA.

JOHN BOWNE, a member of the Society of Friends, whose origin and background are completely unknown, appeared in Bristol Township, Bucks Co., Pa., in or before 1714. He purchased 100 acres of land in Bristol Township from Jasper and Susannah Terry on 22 Oct. 1714, for £72 10s. He sold the same piece of land to Edmund Lovett on 6 April 1722, for £90 10s. He applied to the Falls Monthly Meeting of Friends for permission to marry Mary Beakes on 5 Aug. 1715; and applied for permission a second time on 3 Nov. 1715, when the young couple were given a license to proceed. John Bowne died shortly before 1 Feb. 1725/6, when letters of administration on his estate were issued to his widow Mary.

MARY BEAKES was born either in the Makefield District of Falls Township (later Makefield Township), Bucks Co., Pa.,

just before 1696, or in Westtown Township, Chester Co., Pa., just after 1696. She was the daughter of Abraham and Margaret (Hoopes) Beakes, who removed from the Makefield District in Bucks Co. to Westtown Township, Chester Co., in 1696. Abraham Beakes was born at Backwell, co. Somerset, England, 14 of 3rd. month (May) 1670, son of William and Mary (Wall or Waln) Beakes of Backwell, who came to Pennsylvania with their son Abraham in the *Bristol Merchant*, arriving in the Delaware River in Feb. 1682/3; and they settled in Falls Township, Bucks Co.² Abraham Beakes married in Falls Township Margaret Hoopes, who was born about 1674. She was a daughter of Joshua Hoopes, of Great Moorsome in the parish of Skelton-in-Cleveland, co. York, England, by his first wife Ann. Ann (——) Hoopes died before 1679, and Joshua Hoopes married (2) on 1 May 1679, Isabel ———. Joshua Hoopes, accompanied by his second wife Isabel, and her daughter Christian, and by Margaret and Daniel, the children of his first marriage, came to Pennsylvania in 1683, with a certificate of recommendation from the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Rowsby, co. York, dated 4 of 3rd. month (May) 1683. The Hoopes family arrived in Pennsylvania 10 of 9th. month (Nov.) 1683. Joshua Hoopes became one of the leading men of Bucks County, and was many times a member of the Legislative Assembly for that county. It has several times been stated that his daughter Margaret was the child of his second wife Isabel, but this is an error which should be avoided by genealogists.

Abraham and Margaret (Hoopes) Beakes removed from Bucks Co. to Chester Co. in 1696, probably soon after their marriage. Abraham Beakes died in Westtown Township, Chester Co., shortly before 3 April 1703, when letters of administration on his estate were issued to his wife Margaret. Margaret (Hoopes) Beakes soon remarried John Todhunter, of Westtown Township. He died in 1715. As Margaret Todhunter, widow, she was taxed in Chester Co., Pa., in 1715, 1718, 1719, 1720 and 1721. She died in Westtown Township between 14 Dec. 1723 (the date of her will) and 17 Dec. 1723 (the date of probate). The inventory of her estate, taken 30 Dec. 1723, amounted to £255 10s.

Some time after Margaret (Hoopes) Beakes married John Todhunter, her daughter, Mary Beakes, apparently unhappy with a step-father, returned to Bucks Co. to live with her grandfather, Joshua Hoopes, and her uncle, Samuel Beakes. That is how Mary Beakes happened to be living in Falls Township in 1715, and that is how she met John Bowne.

It is ironical that the daughter should have repeated her mother's career so precisely, and that she should not have

² Genealogical Note on the Beakes Family, *Pennsylvania Magazine*, vol. 30, pp. 500-502.

profited by the experiences of her own youth. After John Bowne's death, Mary (Beakes) Bowne remained a widow a little over two years. Then, like her mother before her, she contracted a second marriage, and, as in the previous case, the results were unhappy. Mary (Beakes) Bowne and Lancelot Martin were married at the Falls Meeting House in Bucks Co. on 8 May 1728. Lancelot Martin must have been a disagreeable man. He and his wife refused to allow Mary, Abraham and Ann Bowne to have their rightful inheritance from the estate of their father, John Bowne; until the defrauded heirs were compelled to bring suit against the Martins in the Bucks Co. Orphans' Court on 10 Sept. 1739. Fortunately, the suit was successful, and the wrong was righted by law.

Lancelot Martin died shortly before 5 March 1739/40, when letters of administration on his estate were issued to his widow Mary Martin. He left a good estate, consisting of a plantation; and there was a cash balance of £234 9s. 6d. of his estate unsettled in 1755. Lancelot and Mary (Beakes) (Bowne) Martin had issue:

1. *Mary*, b. 1 Oct. 1728, m. (1) at Falls Meeting House, Bucks Co., Pa., 3 of 5th. month (July) 1751 Samuel Palmer, son of John and Ann Palmer. He was b. 28 Oct. 1723, d. 30 July 1756. She m. (2) at Falls Meeting House 14 of 11th. month (Nov.) 1764 Solomon Hunt of Woodbridge, N. J., probably son of Solomon and Catharine (Bishop) Hunt of Woodbridge. Mary, wife of Solomon Hunt, and her daughter Ann Palmer, were granted a certificate by the Falls Monthly Meeting to the Woodbridge Monthly Meeting, 3 of 4th. month (April) 1765.

Children by first husband (surname *Palmer*), recorded at Falls:

- (1) Ann, b. 26 Aug. 1752.
- (2) Jesse, b. 8 Feb. 1755.
2. *James*, b. 12 April 1732, d. 24 Nov. 1747.
3. *Margaret*, b. 12 July 1734, d. 25 Nov. 1747.
4. *John*, b. 14 Nov. 1738, *perhaps* was the John Martin who m. at Falls 5 of 1st. month (Jan.) 1757 Agnes Welch.

After the death of her second husband, Lancelot Martin, Mary (Beakes) (Bowne) Martin continued to live in Bristol Township, Bucks Co., Pa. She died there between 23 Aug. 1756 (the date of her will), and 24 Sept. 1756 (the date of probate). She never forgave her Bowne children for the suit they had brought against Lancelot Martin and herself, and she cut them off altogether in her will, in which she bequeathed £20 to Mary (Martin) Palmer, the daughter of her second marriage, and the residue to her youngest son, John Martin, who was still a minor in 1756, and so could not serve as executor of his mother's estate. This office was fulfilled, however, by Edmund Beakes, who was one

of the witnesses to the will, and who was also a first cousin of the testatrix.

Children of John and Mary (Beakes) Bowne, born in Bristol Township:

- i. MARY, b. 17 Dec. 1716; d. in Bristol Township, probably in the 1780's; m. (1) before 10 Sept. 1739 to THOMAS DOWDNEY of Bristol Township, yeoman. She was condemned by Friends for marriage contrary to discipline on 4 June 1740, and Thomas was likewise condemned on 4 Aug. 1742. They were probably married by a minister, instead of by Friends' ceremony. Thomas Dowdney was b. in Bristol Township ca. 1710, and d. there shortly before 6 May 1748, when letters of administration were issued to his widow Mary Dowdney. Her brother, Abraham Bowne, was one of the fellow-bondsmen. Thomas Dowdney was a son of William and Elizabeth (Ellet) Dowdney of Bristol Township, who were m. at the Falls Meeting House 14 June 1704. William Dowdney d. shortly before 28 April 1729, when letters of administration were issued to his widow Elizabeth. Elizabeth (Ellet) Dowdney m. (2) in 1729 or 1730 William Brelsford of Middletown Township, Bucks Co., who d. soon, between 22 Oct. 1731 (the date of his will) and 8 Nov. 1731 (the date of probate). Elizabeth (Ellet) (Dowdney) Brelsford continued to dwell in Bristol Township, where she seems to have kept a sort of school around 1739. Ann Bowne (see below) was sent to her for "schoolling," which was, however, rather unsuccessful, since Ann Bowne, though aged 14, had to "make her mark" in signing the petition of 10 Sept. 1739. Elizabeth (Ellet) (Dowdney) Brelsford was b. at Stoke St. Gregory, co. Somerset, England, 12 April 1683, daughter of William and Mary (Burt) Ellet. She died in Bristol Township, Bucks Co., Pa., shortly before 14 June 1748, when her daughter-in-law, Mary (Bowne) Dowdney petitioned for letters of administration on her estate. The letters were issued 8 July 1748.

Mary (Bowne) Dowdney m. (2) before 2 Jan. 1750/1 BENJAMIN SWAIN or SWAINE of Bristol Township, yeoman, who was b. at Nantucket, Mass. He was a widower, and all the children named in his will appear to have been by his first wife. Benjamin Swain removed from Nantucket to the district of the Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting of Friends in New Jersey, and from there he removed to the neighborhood of Burlington, N. J., with a certificate to the Burlington Monthly Meeting dated 5 Nov. 1750. The Burlington Monthly Meeting granted him a certificate on 3 Dec. 1750 to go to Falls to marry, and he m. Mary (Bowne) Dowdney between that date and 2 Jan. 1750/1. She was given a certificate by Falls Monthly Meeting on 7 Aug. 1751, and this was received by the Burlington Monthly Meeting on 2 Sept. 1751. Benjamin and Mary lived in the neighborhood of Burlington for two years, then they were granted a certificate to the Chesterfield Monthly Meeting in N. J. on 4 June 1753. They returned to Bristol Township, Pa., before 1760, however, and there Mary and Benjamin Swain both died. The latter d. between 31 March 1791 (the date of his will) and 23 April 1792 (the date of probate).

Children of Mary Bowne by her first husband, Thomas Dowdney (surname *Dowdney*), born in Bristol Township:

1. *John*, b. perhaps in 1740, d. in Bristol, Pa., shortly before 3 May 1796, when letters of administration on his estate were issued. He was an innkeeper, and a wealthy man. He had a license to operate the "King of Prussia" Tavern at the corner of Mill and Pond Streets, Bristol, Pa., as early as 1768. He was a burgess of Bristol in 1784-5. He m. (1) by license dated 11 Feb. 1765 (N. J. Marriage Licenses) Mary Priestly of Bristol. The marriage was not performed according to Quaker regulations, and John Dowdney was dismissed from the Society of Friends, 5 June 1765. Mary (Priestly) Dowdney d., and he m. (2) Sarah ———, who survived him, and was administratrix of his estate.
2. *Sarah*, b. 14 July 1741; d. at the inn kept by her son-in-law, John Thornton, in Lower Dublin Township, Philadelphia Co., Pa., 22 Sept. 1822. She m. at Falls Meeting House, Bucks Co., Pa., 15 May 1765, James Moon, Jr., son of James and Hannah (Price) Moon, of Falls Township, Bucks Co. He was b. in Falls Township 7 Aug. 1738, and resided there till his marriage. He and Sarah then removed to a farm in Lower Makefield Township, Bucks Co., where he lived until his death, 15 March 1796. James Moon, Jr., left a will, dated 12 Nov. 1789, proved 9 April 1796 (Will Book 5, p. 487, Bucks Co. Court House). Sarah (Dowdney) Moon, unlike nearly all her female ancestors, did not remarry after becoming a widow. She lived happily with the family of her son-in-law and daughter, John and Mary (Moon) Thornton, and she took care of their enormous family of 16 children after Mary (Moon) Thornton d. 14 Aug. 1814. Sarah (Dowdney) Moon's will, dated 10 Aug. 1818, and proved 4 Aug. 1825, mentioned all the said 16 grandchildren (Will Book 10, p. 385, Bucks Co. Court House).³
- ii. *ABRAHAM*, b. 20 Jan. 1719/20; d. in Bristol Township, Bucks Co., Pa., shortly before 8 Dec. 1760, when letters of administration on his estate were issued to his widow Grace. Benjamin Swaine, his sister Mary's second husband, was one of the fellow-bondsmen. Abraham Bowne, though a minor, was one of the petitioners in the petition against the Martins, 10 Sept. 1739. Samuel Bunting was appointed his guardian, 10 Dec. 1739, and at that period he evidently lived at Jonathan Carlile's house. Abraham Bowne and his sister Mary (Bowne) Dowdney were appointed joint guardians of the Dowdney children, 8 July 1748. Abraham Bowne was m. by license dated 1 Nov. 1749 (N. J. Marriage Licenses) to GRACE JONES of Bucks Co., Pa. This marriage was not performed according to Quaker rules, and Abraham was therefore dismissed from the Society of Friends, 7 Feb. 1749/50. Abraham and Grace (Jones) Bowne had at least one child, Anne Bowne, who m. by license dated 6 June 1771 (N. J. Marriage Licenses) Jonathan Butcher of Middletown Township, Bucks Co. Jonathan and Anne (Bowne) Butcher had two children, Jonathan and Mary, who were b. at Middletown between 1771 and 1774. Jonathan and Anne Butcher, and their children Jonathan and Mary, received a certificate dated 1 June 1774 from the Middletown Monthly Meeting

³ For the Moon family, see W. H. H. Davis, *History of Bucks Co., Pa.*, 2nd. ed., by Ely and Jordan, vol. 3, p. 212. For the Thornton family see *THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST*, vol. 15, pp. 156-160.

to the Falls Monthly Meeting in Bucks Co. The Butchers seem to have removed about 1786 to Fairfax Co., Va.

- iii. ANN, b. 18 Feb. 1724/5. She was supposedly being "schoolled" by Elizabeth (Ellet) (Dowdney) Brelsford in 1739, but the "schooling" was not very successful, since Ann had to "make her mark" in signing the petition of 10 Sept. 1739. Her subsequent history is unknown.

NOTES

Michael Shinnick, His Family and His Descendants

[THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST, vol. 17, pp. 79-86]

Since writing the above article two deeds have come to the writer's attention that cast a little more light on this family.

By deed of 3 Aug. 1785, Michael Sheneck, of Northern Liberties, cordwainer, and Catharine his wife, sold to Conrad Seiffert for the sum of £500 a property including a brick messuage and plot of ground situated on Second St., 29' 4" front, and 230' deep, bounded east by Second St., West by St. Johns St., north by Coates St. and south by property of Amos Wheten. The deed recites that Michael purchased this property from Andrew Day and Christina his wife, of Northern Liberties, by indenture dated 31 Mar. 1774, to be paid for out of a yearly rental of £8 14s, payable June 1st to Bowyer Brooke, until principle sum of £174 was paid. The deed is signed by Michael Sheneck and by mark of his wife Catherine. (Philadelphia, Pa., Deeds, Book D 23, page 478.)

By deed of Mar. 1799, Adam Schenick of Northern Liberties, painter and glazier, sold to Lewis Benner of Baltimore, his (Adam's) share in his grandfather Holt's estate. John Adam Holt's will, dated 7 Sept. 1785 is cited, showing how property in Oxford, amounting to about 193 acres, goes to the widow Maria Christina for her life, and at her death to daughter Catherine Schenick. One third the income to be used for fencing and maintenance, and the remainder to Catherine. At her death to be divided evenly among the grandchildren, except that Michael Cooper (alias Keifer) is to get two shares. Catherine has died, and the widow is still alive. There are still living seven grandchildren, which the deed lists as follows: Michael Cooper (alias Keifer, only issue of testator's daughter Elisabeth Cooper, deceased), Mary Benner, Adam Schenick, Elizabeth Dorr, Jacob Schenick, Sophia Schenick, Barbara Schenick, six children of testator's daughter Catherine Schenick deceased, so real estate will be divided into 8 shares and Adam, by this deed, sells his expected one eighth part to Louis Benner for "\$500 lawful silver." Benner has the right to receive the property and any rental from the property.

Besides giving the occupations of these two men, we learn from the deeds the name of Adam Holt's daughter who married a Cooper (page 82), and the fact that Elizabeth Schenick Lex married a second time, to a man named Dorr.

—Walter Lee Sheppard, Jr.

One Branch of the Rhode Island Wilcox Family

[THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST, vol. 19, pp. 23-31]

Lemuel⁵ Wilcox (No. 5, viii, p. 30) died 19 Jan. 1726/7.

The will of Stephen⁵ Wilcox (No. 6, p. 30) also names his sons "Samuel" and "Jirey."

Culbut⁶ Wilcox (No. 7, pp. 30-31) witnessed a deed of land in Palmyra, N. Y., of his son William in 1805 (recorded 1833). His son William⁷ married Ruth Durfee. (Letter to the author from Miss Mary A. Moulthrop of Rochester, N. Y., 5 Aug. 1942.)

—G. Andrews Moriarty.

Tucker, New Hampshire

"Sandown January 20th 1769, this day Reced of our Brother Joseph Tucker, each of our Suits of Mourning given to us by our Honoured Father Tucker in his last will we Say Reed us

Ephraim Webster
Benjamin Colbey
John Sleeper
George Start

Phebe Webster
Sarah Rowell
Betty Colby
Hannah Sleeper
Mary Start"

Recorded 14 May 1773. (*Hillsborough Deeds*, 2: 278.)

—Winifred Lovering-Holman.

Long, Newbury, Mass.

"This made Betwen Robert Long Dweling in Newberay The County of Essex . . . And his Son Abiell Long The other party Dweling in That Town" whereby the latter resigns to the former an acre of land next "Leftenant Tristrom Cofen" that he purchased of John Webster and the former, Robert Long, confirms to his son an acre of land less 23 rods next to his own, i.e. the grantor's land; dated 1 Nov. 1684. Signed Robert Long (autograph); witnessed by "Tristram Coffin" and "Timothy Mireek." (From the original unrecorded deed now in possession of C. D. Stillman, Esq., of New York City.)

—Winifred Lovering-Holman.

Pittman-Dennis, Manchester, Mass.

Thomas Pittman, of Manchester, Mass., mariner, by a power of attorney from Laurance Dennis of South Carolina and in right of his wife, Sarah Pittman alias Dennis, sister of the said Laurance Dennis, and daughter of Laurence Dennis, late of New England, for £20 given him by Benjamin Lynde, of Salem, Mass.,

conveys to said Lynde, land in Kennebek in the bounds of New Town called Negansett or Garden Point, 203 acres, granted by John Palmer to said Laurence Dennis, 8 Sept. 1686, also 40 acres of land laid out by the town; wife Sarah Pittman releases her dower rights; dated 14 Apr. 1729 and recorded that year; both sign; witnessed by Philip English Jr., and Samuel "Gabtman." (*Essex County, Mass., Deeds, 52:44.*)

—Winifred Lovering-Holman.

Early Ingraham Families of New England

[THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST, vol. 19, p. 86]

John² Ingraham, born at Boston, Mass., 3 Jan. 1679/80, settled in Saybrook, Conn., and died by 1750. He had two more sons than birth records revealed, shown by a partition of lands made by his heirs. On 9 Aug. 1750, John Ingraham of New Haven, Isaac Ingraham of Branford, Benjamin Ingraham, James Ingraham, Sam^l Ingraham, Daniel Ingraham, and Sam^l Dunk and Sarah his wife, all of Saybrook, "children & heirs to all the Estates of our Hon^d Father M^r John Ingraham late of s^d Saybrook Deceased" partitioned (Saybrook Land Records, vol. 8, pp. 266-269). We therefore restate the children of John and Sarah (Smith) Ingraham:

1. SARAH³, b. 20 July 1702; d. young.
2. JOHN, b. 23 Jan. 1704/5; d. at New Haven, Conn., in 1754; m. 12 Apr. 1725, Lydia Bruce.
3. BENJAMIN, b. 13 Apr. 1707.
4. SARAH, b. 14 Feb. 1708/9; m. 22 June 1729, Samuel Dunk.
5. ISAAC, b. ; m. 15 Apr. 1736, Hannah (Hickox) (Williams) Bartholomew, b. at Waterbury, Conn., 21 Apr. 1699, widow of Samuel Williams of Wallingford and William Bartholomew of Branford. On 11 Oct. 1737, "Isaac Ingerham" appeared in behalf of wife Hannah, late widow of William Bartholomew late of Branford deceased. [Guilford Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 274; New Haven Gen. Mag., 8—1978; Bartholomew Genealogy (1885), p. 85.]
6. JAMES.
7. SAMUEL, b. 25 July 1717.
8. DANIEL, b. 31 July 1720.

—Donald Lines Jacobus.

QUERIES AND ANSWERS

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NOTICE

With regret it is announced that the Query Department, as well as Book Reviews, will be discontinued in the coming volume, Mr. Smith remaining on the staff as a Contributing Editor. Answers received will be forwarded to querists.

There are two reasons for this change. Technical difficulties in preparing the make-up of the magazine, caused by having to reserve an unknown amount of space for these two departments until near the time of publication, have been increased by changes in the printing establishment due to the war. It is also felt that, the future being uncertain, our space should be devoted entirely at present to the records and valuable articles that are awaiting publication.

QUERIES

187. BOYD. Who was the Timothy Boyd who was in Unity, N. H., or Pomfret, Vt.? Who was his wife?—*C. K. S.*

188. (a) SATTERLEE. Was William Satterlee, a proprietor of Brookhaven, L. I., brother of Benedict Satterlee who settled in New London, Conn.; was William the father of Deborah, b. about 1676, who m. Capt. James Reeve, of Southold, L. I.?

(b) TUSTEN. Wanted: Name and ancestry of the wife of Thomas Tusten, b. 1680, d. Feb. 6, 1736, of Southold, L. I.

(c) STRONG. Wanted: Name and ancestry of the wife of Benjamin Strong, b. May 12, 1722, son of Selah Strong, Setauket (Brookhaven), N. Y.; d. Blooming Grove, N. Y., Nov. 10, 1760.

(d) HUDSON. Wanted, ancestry of Robert Hudson and of his wife, name unknown. He was justice of East Hampton, L. I., and his will was approved April 2, 1724.—*Mrs. J. E. M.*

189. (a) HICKOK. Wanted: Names and data of the balance of the twelve children of Benjamin and Huldah (Holmes) Hickok, of Guilford, East Haddam, Conn., and Conway, Mass. Known children are Benjamin, Huldah, Elephalet, Damaris, Joseph, Henry, Charlotte and Clarissa, born 1762-1790.

(b) HICKOK. Who was Benjamin Hickok who m. Sarah St. John, b. about 1757; d. Branford, Conn., Apr. 28, 1815; dau. of Peter and Mary (Cook) St. John. They had children William; Harvey, bapt. New Haven, June 27, 1779; George, bapt. there May 21, 1784.—*C. N. H.*

190. (a) FIELD-SOUTH. Wanted: Parentage of Joseph Fields (1788-1844) and of his wife Rebecca South (1793-1862), resided Sussex Co., N. J. Children: Harvey, Lydia, Permilia, Phebe, John Roy, Caroline, Philip Dyer, Joseph Roy, Henry D.,

Catherine, Mary. Was Joseph related to the Somerset Co. Field family?

(b) HARVEY. Wanted: Parentage of Abigail Harvey, b. Dighton, Mass., Oct. 15, 1753; m. 1776, Joseph Reed, Jr. Children: Ephraim, Elizabeth, Abigail, Lydia, Joseph, Rhoda, Sally. Was she dau. of Ephraim and Lydia (Lincoln) Harvey?

(c) HUNTER-ALLEN. Who was Polly Hunter, b. abt. 1790, N. Y. State; m. Joseph Allen; resided Saratoga and Livingston Cos. Children: Silvia, Betsey, Sarah, Morgan, Fanny, Jonathan, Norris, Mary, Millicent. Polly had uncle, Joseph Hunter, and half-brothers, Allen and Philander.—*M. A. M. R.*

QUERY WITH REWARD

PURDY—MEAD. Will pay ten dollars to first person furnishing information leading to proof of parentage of MARY WARING PURDY born 1794; married New York City in 1816 as second wife of Amos Mead of Greenwich, Conn., where she lived on North Street until she died 1832. Buried Union Cemetery, Greenwich.—*G. L. H.*

BOOK REVIEWS

Edited by GILBERT H. DOANE, B.A., of Madison, Wis.

NOTE: Book reviews will be discontinued in the coming volume for the duration of the war, Mr. Doane remaining on the staff as a Contributing Editor. The reasons for this decision are stated herein under the heading, "Queries and Answers."

Magna Carta, by John S. Wurts, Brookfield Pub. Co., New York City.

This appears to be the latest publication of a series commenced more than fifty years ago by the late Charles Henry Browning giving the pedigrees of "Americans of Royal Descent," in which the tycoons at the turn of the century were wont to have recorded their alleged descents from the mediæval royalty and baronage. Mr. Browning's mantle has, apparently, fallen upon the shoulders of Mr. Wurts. When one considers the utter lack of accuracy, scholarship and knowledge evinced by the late Mr. Browning in his various publications, it was to be hoped that Mr. Wurts would change all this, but apparently such hopes are doomed to disappointment.

The book is divided into four sections, the first being some general statements regarding the Great Charter under the heading "The Romance of the Great Charter"—matter which is well known to any well informed schoolboy. The second part consists

of biographies of the twenty-five surety barons, together with their pedigrees and a list of present day persons who, according to Mr. Wurts, are descended from them. The third part is a medley of descents from Queen Boadicea, St. Helena, the Emperor Constantine, Irish and Frankish Kings, mediæval kings, and the like. There is also a long dissertation upon the Druids. This third part need not detain us beyond remarking that these descents are the purest moonshine, consisting of totally unreliable Keltic pedigrees and the wild romancings of Renaissance genealogists. The fourth part consists of a list of the original Knights of the Garter, with a brief account of each. There is a formidable bibliography, from which, however, one misses such indispensable books as Dr. Round's "Feudal England," "Peerage and Pedigree," "Peerage and Family History," and "Family Origins," and Dr. Farrer's "Honors and Knights Fees" and "Yorkshire Charters," as well as many other authoritative works.

As the principal part of the book is the second division, containing the biographies and ancestry of the surety barons and their descendants, it is proposed to confine the present review to this section. With respect to the long lists of present-day persons, who are said to descend from the various barons, it may be remarked that no pedigrees are given or proof of these descents offered. All that we have is Mr. Wurts' say-so to bridge a gap of some seven hundred years. Such assertions, until details and evidences are forthcoming, have no probative value and cannot be considered seriously by scholarly genealogists.

We now turn to the ancestries of the surety barons, as set forth under each, and quickly discover numerous errors. It is proposed to take several of the pedigrees and analyze them.

The first pedigree given (p. 39) is that of William d'Aubigny of Belvoir, whom Mr. Wurts still calls "Albini" in the barbarous half-Latin, half-English, jargon of the seventeenth century antiquaries, which has been discarded by scholars of to-day. The pedigree commences with Robert de Todenei, who is described as the standard bearer of the Conqueror. This is of course an error, as the standard bearer was his kinsman Ralf de Toëni or de Conches, the head of the great house of Malahuc (*Dugdale's Baronage* I, 469). His son, we are told, was William d'Albini Brito, who died about 1155, having married Maud, daughter of Simon de St. Liz. It is quite evident that Mr. Wurts has not studied the elaborate and fully documented note upon this family in Dr. Farrer's "Early Yorkshire Charters" (Vol. I, p. 461, cf. also Vol. II, p. 433) or the article in the *New Complete Peerage* (Vol. IX, pp. 577-78 and note c). Had he done so, he would have learned that Robert de Todenei had five children, viz.: 1. Berenger, the Domesday tenant of North Dalton, who

died *s. p.* before 1116; 2. William, the lord of Belvoir, who died *s. p.*; 3. Geoffrey, who died *s. p.*; 4. Agnes, who married Hubert de Ryes; and 5. Adeliz, the second wife of Roger Bigod (d. 1107). Roger and Adeliz had Hugh (d. shortly before 9 March 1176/7), who became Earl of Norfolk in 1141, succeeding his elder, presumably his half, brother, William in 1119. They had also a daughter Cecily, called "de Belvoir," who inherited her mother's fee. She married William d'Aubigny Brito, who occurs 1124-29 and in the Pipe Roll of 31 Henry I; he was a Justice Itinerant. William and Cecily were the parents of William d'Aubigny II of Belvoir, who occurs in the great return of 12 Henry II and who died in 1167. He married Maud de "St. Liz," daughter of Robert Fitz Richard, of the Fitz Walter branch of the de Clares, who took the name of St. Liz from her mother's family, her mother having been Maud, daughter of Simon, Earl of Huntingdon. William and Cecily had also Robert, styled "de Toteneia," Roger, Eudes, and Ralf d'Aubigny, who died at the siege of Acre in 1191, leaving three daughters (*cf.* also Hist. Manuscripts Comm., Duke of Rutland's MSS., IV, 106).

We next consider Mr. Wurts's account of Roger le Bigod, Earl of Norfolk, and his ancestors (p. 43). Mr. Wurts tells us that the wife of the first Roger of Domesday was a daughter of the famous Hugh de Grantmesnil, but by reference to the account of the Earldom of Norfolk in the *N. C. P.* (Vol. IX, p. 577) we learn that his first wife was "Adelidis, whose parentage is unknown." His second wife, as stated above, was "Adelicia, sister and co-heiress of William de Tosney, Lord of Belvoir and daughter of Robert de Tosney, Lord of Belvoir." We are also told that this Roger founded the "Abbey of Whetford" in Norfolk in 1103, but as no such abbey exists this undoubtedly refers to Roger's foundation of the Priory of Thetford in that year. (*ib.*; *cf.* Dugdale's *Baronage*, I, 132). On page 44 we are told that Roger, Earl of Norfolk, the Surety, married as his first wife Isabel, daughter of Hameline Plantagenet (the bastard of Count Geoffrey of Anjou) but reference to the *New Complete Peerage* (Vol. cit., p. 589) shows that he had but one wife, "Ida, whose parentage is unknown." On page 47 we learn that Hugh Bigod, the Chief Justiciar, brother of Roger and son of Hugh, another of the Sureties, married first Joan, daughter of Robert Burnet and had Roger and John. Again referring to the *New Complete Peerage* (Vol. cit., p. 593), we find that the wife of the Justiciar was Joan, widow of Hugh Wake (d. 1241) and daughter and heiress of Nicholas de Stuteville.

Turning now to the family of Robert de Vere (p. 127 *et seq.*) we find that the de Veres were "the noblest family in England—and indeed in all Europe" and "that they derive their title from a time when the Nevilles and Percys enjoyed only a local celeb-

city." Now the greatness of the de Veres will not be denied by any student of English history, but it should be noted that the founder of the family in England, the first Aubrey, while an important tenant *in capite* in Domesday, did not rank among the foremost magnates such as William Fitz Osborn, Richard de Bienfaite, Hugh Lupus and Roger de Montgomery. Their importance commenced with Aubrey II (killed in 1141), the Great Chamberlain and favorite of Henry I, whose son Aubrey III was created Earl of Oxford in 1147. The latter greatly increased his importance through his connection with and adherence to the redoubtable Geoffrey de Mandeville. Contemporary with this Aubrey was Jocelyn de Louvain, half-brother of Queen Adeliza, who was the ancestor of the Percys. He was a very important magnate and, as son of Duke Godfrey of Lower Lorraine and Count of Louvain, although probably born on the left side of the blanket, he descended in the male line from the great race of the Regniers (founders of the House of Brabant), and in the female line from Charles, Duke of Lorraine, the last of the French Karolings; consequently, his family ranked among the most illustrious of Europe at this period. So the Percys were, at this period, far more important than the de Veres. On page 128 it appears that the earliest named ancestor of the de Veres was "Alfonso, Count of Ghesnes, who was the father of Alberic de Vere, Count Aubrey 'Sanglier,' married before 1139 Beatrix de Ghent daughter of Henry and his wife Sibylla," and they had, according to Mr. Wurts, a son Alberic de Vere, who died in 1088. "He, being in high favor with King Henry I, was constituted great high chamberlain of the Kingdom in 1133, to hold the same in fee to himself and his heirs. In 5 Stephen, 1140, while a joint sheriff of several counties, with Richard Basset, Justiciary of England, he was slain in a popular tumult at London." Comment upon this is needless, how could a man who died in 1088 be Great Chamberlain in 1133 and be slain again in 1140! Further, any one who is familiar with the pedigree of the Counts of Guisnes will know the impossibility of this descent.

The true facts of the early pedigree of the great house of de Vere are as follows: Aubrey, who is said to have been the son of another of the same name (*cf.* Crispin's *Falaise Roll*, p. 117), came from Ver, in the canton of Gavray, arrond. of Coutances (Dupont, "Recherches" &c., Vol. I, p. 102). He was an important tenant *in capite* in East Anglia at Domesday, the *caput* of his barony being Headingham in Essex. He occurs in the Abingdon Chartulary about 1105 as a benefactor of that Abbey. His wife was named Beatrice. Their son, Aubrey II, was a favorite of Henry I, who made him Great Chamberlain. He was slain on 9 May 1141 in a popular tumult, which occurred during

the anarchy, which prevailed during the civil war between Stephen and the Empress (*cf.* Round's "Geoffrey de Mandeville," p. 81). He married Adeliza, daughter of Gilbert de Tonbridge (de Clare), the head of the great house of de Clare (Round's "Feudal England," p. 575). Their daughter, Rohese, married first Geoffrey de Mandeville, the great earl of Essex, and her brother, Aubrey III, profited greatly from this connection. Aubrey III was Justiciar of England and in 1147 was created Earl of Oxford, and he inherited from his father the office of Great Chamberlain. Aubrey III married as his first wife Beatrice, daughter of Henry, Castellan of Bourbourg, who was the heiress of her maternal grandfather, Manasser, Count of Guisnes, from whom he was divorced in 1144. The ancestry of Beatrice is given in Round's "Geoffrey de Mandeville" (p. 397). Aubrey, for a short time, held the title of Count of Guisnes *jure uxoris* (*ib.*, pp. 188-89; *cf.* also p. 392).

On page 71 we have an account of John Fitz Robert of Warkworth and of his ancestry. This John was the ancestor of the Claverings. His ancestry offers one of the most confused and difficult problems of twelfth century genealogy, and it has been considered by three of our greatest mediævalists, Dr. Round, Dr. Farrer and Geoffrey White, the latter now one of the collaborators of the *New Complete Peerage*. There is no difficulty with his father Robert Fitz Roger or his grandfather, Roger Fitz Richard of Warkworth. The difficulty is with the parentage of the latter. Roger Fitz Richard was a minor baron of Henry II, who enfeoffed him with Warkworth shortly after the defeat of the royal army by the Welsh at Coleshill in 1157, for his brave conduct on that occasion. Mr. Wurts, following Dugdale, makes him the son of Richard Fitz Eustace, but this is just where the difficulty lies. Round, Farrer and Geoffrey White have all pointed out that this is extremely unlikely if not impossible. In order to grasp the difficulty it is necessary to consider the family of Eustace Fitz John, the great Northern baron of the time of Henry I and Henry II. This Eustace fell, when an elderly man, in the defeat at Coleshill in 1157, a defeat largely brought about by the cowardice of the royal standard bearer, Henry de Essex. Eustace was the son of John Fitz Richard styled "Monoculus" or "the one eyed" (Dugdale's *Baronage*, I, 90) of Saxlingham, whose brother Serlo de Burgh or de Pembroke was lord of Knaresborough. (It may here be observed that the ancestry given by Mr. Wurts to Serlo and John has no basis in fact.) Eustace had two wives. His first wife was Beatrice, daughter and eventual heiress of Ives de Vesci, the lord of Alnwick in Northumberland, by whom he had a son, William de Vesci, Lord of Alnwick (d. 1184), the ancestor of the later Vescis, who became extinct at the beginning of the fourteenth century. His

second wife was Agnes, daughter and heiress of William Fitz Neel of Halton, Constable of Chester, a Domesday tenant, under Hugh Lupus. By Agnes, Eustace was the father of Richard Fitz Eustace (d. —1163), who married (as her first husband) Aubrey de Lisours, daughter and heiress of Robert de Lisours by Aubrey, daughter of Robert de Lacy and heiress of her nephew Robert de Lacy, who died *s.p.* in 1193. (Farrer's "Early Yorkshire Charters," Vol. III, p. 199; *New Complete Peerage*, Vol. VII, p. 677.) It should here be noted that in the chart given in the *New Complete Peerage* he is called Robert Fitz Eustace instead of Richard Fitz Eustace. However, a charter whereby "Agnes, daughter of William Constable of Chester," who describes herself as the wife (widow) of Eustace, gave the monks of Watton the entire vill there for the souls of "my son Richard and of Geoffrey" etc. (*Mon. Ang.*, old ed., Vol. II, p. 799), would seem to indicate that his name was Richard, as it is usually given, and not Robert. Richard and Aubrey were the parents of John the Constable of Chester, whose son Roger, also Constable, assumed the name of de Lacy, when he became the heir of his grandmother, Aubrey de Lisours, who had inherited the Lacy fees from her mother. Roger was the ancestor of the Pontefract Lacys, Constables of Chester and Earls of Lincoln. John the Constable, son of Richard Fitz Eustace and Aubrey de Lisours, married Alice "de Vere," whose mother, called Alice de Essex, was the daughter of Aubrey de Vere II, the first Great Chamberlain. Alice de Essex is the subject of a special monograph by Dr. Round (*Essex Arch. Soc. Trans.*, n.s., Vol. III, p. 242). She had several husbands; the first was William de Sackville, the second Robert de Essex, and the third our Roger Fitz Richard of Warkworth, the grandfather of John Fitz Robert, the Surety. There is some disagreement as to which of the husbands of Alice de Essex was the father of Alice de Vere, the wife of John the Constable. Dr. Farrer believed that she was the daughter of Robert de Essex, but Dr. Round and Mr. White have adduced very weighty reasons for considering her the daughter of Roger Fitz Richard. (*Essex Arch. Soc. Trans.*, *op. cit.*; "Vere, Sackville and Lacy," by Geoffrey White in *The Genealogists' Magazine*, Vol. VII, pp. 469-73; cf. also *Early Yorkshire Charters*, Vol. III, p. 199). If, as seems most likely, she was the daughter of Roger Fitz Richard, then obviously the latter cannot have been the son of Richard Fitz Eustace, for in that case we should have John the Constable marrying his own niece, and in any event chronological considerations make it very unlikely that John the Constable and Roger Fitz Richard were brothers. The male line, then, of the Surety Baron, John Fitz Robert, cannot be carried beyond his grandfather Roger Fitz Richard.

In the story of the Great Charter the most important figure is that of Robert Fitz Walter, "the Marshal of the Army of God," who was the leader of the combination which extorted it from John. Robert was the head of a cadet branch of the de Clares, whose grandfather Robert Fitz Richard was a younger son of Richard Fitz Gilbert, the head of the house of Clare. On page 76 Mr. Wurts tells us that this Robert Richard married Maud, "Lady of Bradham." This statement, derived from the Dunmow Chronicle, is quite correct, but he should have added that she was the daughter of Simon de St. Liz, Earl of Huntingdon, by Maud, daughter of the Countess Judith (*N. C. P.*, Vol. V, p. 472 n). Earl Simon gave his daughter Daventry as a *maritagium*, and it descended to her son Walter Fitz Robert and from him to Robert Fitz Walter, the Surety (Farrer's *Honors and Knights Fees*, Vol. II, p. 395 *et seq.*). The second wife of Walter Fitz Robert (father of the Surety) was the widow of Henry d'Oilli and the daughter of Humphrey de Bohun (Round in *Essex Arch. Soc. Trans.*, n.s., Vol. VII, pp. 329-30; *Essex Fines*, pp. 474-75, 575).

The above are examples of the errors and omissions to be found scattered through the pedigrees of the Surety Barons. This does not mean that much of the genealogy is not correct, but it serves to show that each of the pedigrees should not be accepted as correct until it has been carefully checked.

The book is illustrated by several photographs and woodcuts. The best of these are the photographs of the Great Charter, Mr. Browning and Mr. Wurts. Among the numerous woodcuts are Queen Boadicea exhorting the Britons to fall upon the legions, King Alfred minding the Cakes, and totally imaginary portraits of Pepin le Bref, Charlemagne and Hildegarde, Hugh Capet, the Conqueror, and so on. To judge from the past, the book will doubtless find a ready sale among the uninformed public, panting for baronial and royal ancestry.

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The Lott Family in America. By A. V. Phillips. 1942. Lithoprinted, 179 pp., cloth bound (8 1/4 x 11 in.). Illustrated; full name index. \$3.00, sold by Traver's Book Store, Trenton, N. J.

This is the history of a Long Island family, with branches in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, and including descendants through female lines named Cassell, Davis, Graybeal, Haring, Hegeman, Hogg, Kerley, Phillips, Thompson, and Walter. The wife of the late Chauncey M. Depew was of this lineage.

The genealogy is based on original research, for which Dr. Robert Furman of New York deserves much of the credit. The book is a careful piece of work, quoting reliable evidence and discarding old errors. It is well worth the moderate price.—D. I. J.

Ancestry of Rufus K. Dryer with notes on William Dryer of Rehoboth and some of his descendants. By Joseph F. Dryer. 280 pp., cloth bound (6 x 9 1/4 in.). Illustrated; folding chart in back cover. Edition limited to 200 numbered copies. \$10.00, sold by the author, 685 Mount Hope Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

Primarily a story of the Dryer family, informally and attractively presented, with family pictures and old letters and Bible records, it also includes (pp. 110-130) most valuable transcripts of English records pertaining to the Dryer family and (pp. 131-153) a listing of the descendants of William Dryer of Rehoboth, Mass. The second section of the book, about 120 pages, is devoted to other ancestral families, mainly of Massachusetts and Connecticut. The most serious defect of the book is the lack of an index.

There is much of interest in the accounts of the allied families, some of which are families or branches of families not adequately represented in printed genealogies heretofore. With one theory which the author appears to favor, the reviewer finds himself at odds. This is a claim that Francis Bradley of Fairfield was a son of Rev. Thomas Bradley, D.D., of Ackworth, Yorkshire, by his wife Frances Savile, daughter of John, Lord Savile. The mere fact that Francis Bradley appears often in the records undignified by the "Mr." accorded to men of "gentle birth" is sufficient to cast suspicion upon this theory. It is also negatived by the appointment of the son Francis as executor of the will of Dr. Bradley, an utterly impractical procedure in those days if the son in question were in the then distant American colonies.

But the positive disproof is found in the letter addressed to Francis Bradley in 1695/6 in ignorance of his death over six years previously by his brother, John Bradley of London; for Dr. Thomas Bradley had no son John. This letter, which was placed on public record in Fairfield, obviously by the children of Francis in the hope that they might be legatees of their uncle John, is addressed, "These for his very loving Brother, Francis Bradley of Fairfield in New England," and begins: "Dear Brother: It is now 10 years since I received a letter from you," and explains, "I send it on adventure according to your last directions, to Mr. Willson in New York."

It is quite in vain to argue, as does a Miss Bradley in a letter quoted by Mr. Dryer, that the brother of John Bradley of London was a different Francis Bradley (no other Francis is known in New England). Francis had lived in Fairfield around a quarter of a century; he had written to his brother, as the latter states, ten years previously while living in Fairfield, and had told his brother how to reach him by letter. It must be remembered that there was no regular mail service to or in the colonies. The letter was actually addressed to Francis Brad-

ley of Fairfield in New England, and was sent, as directed, in the care of Mr. Willson of New York. This man was undoubtedly Samuel Wilson of New York (who also had died before the letter was dispatched), uncle of Samuel Wilson who was then living in Fairfield (see "Families of Old Fairfield," 1-696). These are the plain facts, and nothing could be clearer. In justice to the author, he presents in full both claims, and incidentally mentions the present reviewer as believing in the Coventry theory of origin. The reviewer has never upheld the Coventry theory as more than a possibility, for it still remains to be proved; but the Ackworth theory is clearly impossible.

—D. L. J.

SOURCE MATERIAL FOR A FINCH GENEALOGY

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[Continued from Vol. 19, p. 125]

XLIII. *Westchester County (N. Y.) Wills*

Will of Nathan Finch of Bedford, 9 Oct. 1790, proved 27 Apr. 1807; wife Polly; children (under age), Polly, Charlotte and Nathan; Executors, Isaac Smith of Bedford and wife Polly. Adm'n granted to Polly Wibber, formerly Finch, widow of dec'd. [*N. Y. Gen. and Biog. Record*, 57-324.]

XLIV. *Dutchess County (N. Y.) Wills*

Will of Caleb Mosher of Charlotte Precinct, 8 Feb. 1786, proved 5 Sept. 1793, mentioned daughter Abigail Fintch. [*N. Y. Gen. and Biog. Record*, 61-258.]

XLV. *Greenwich (Conn.) Land Records*

Commonplace Book, vol. 1, p. 8. John Austen, Thomas Austen, and Joseph Finch and Elisabeth his wife, all of Greenwich, acknowledge receipt from our father-in-law Weliam Hubbard their full portions from estate of our deceased father John Austen. 8 July 1684.

Vol. 1, p. 214. Deed of John Mead, Sr., of Greenwich, 16 Mar. 1696, proves that his son John was then deceased, leaving a widow Ruth* and sons John, Jonathan and Nathan, and daughter Elizabeth.

Vol. 1, p. 344. Sam^l Finch of Greenwich conveys to brother Jonathan Finch. 23 Mar. 1706.

Vol. 1, p. 357. Joseph Finch Seni^r Inhabitant of Greenwich conveys for Love to sonn Sam^l. 2 Apr. 1705.

* By Weaver's "Mead Genealogy," she was born Ruth Hardy.

Vol. 2, p. 57. Joseph Finch Sen^r Inhabitant of Greenwich conveys for good will and fatherly affections to my Naturall Son Jonathan Finch of Greenwich. 31 Jan. 1711/12.

Vol. 2, p. 163. Sam^l Finch and wife Mary of Greenwich convey to Joseph Marshall and Daniel Marshall of Greenwich, our right to estate of Sam^l Marshall Late of Greenwich Deceased. 13 Apr. 1714.

Vol. 2, p. 185. Joseph Finch, Jonathan Finch, Benjamin Finch, Joseph Renals, Jonathan Mead, and Jonathan Newman of Stanford, all y^e rest of Greenwich, for £50, convey to our brother Sam^l Finch of Greenwich, half of homestead which was our honoured fathers Joseph Finches of Greenwich Deceased. 12 Mar. 1714/15.

Vol. 2, p. 292. Ruth Finch wife to Joseph Finch, Sr., had lands by a town grant in 1697 (when she was a widow), conveys 20 Mar. 1712/13 to her two sons, Jonathan and Nathan Mead, both of Greenwich, by consent of husband, Joseph Finch, Sr.

Vol. 2, p. 291. John Finch, Sr., of Citty of New York, conveyed to Henry James of Stamford, Conn., a house and lot in Greenwich, 6 Sept. 1720.

Vol. 3, p. 44. Isack finch of Greenwich conveys to Gershom Lockwood. 14 Nov. 1721.

Vol. 3, p. 278. Beniamen finch senaar [Sr.] of Greenwich discharges brothers Joseph and Jonathan Finch of Greenwich, for interest in Estate of our honoured father, Joseph finch, 27 Dec. 1723.

Vol. 3, p. 240. Beniamen finch of Greenwich, husbandman, (signed Junear), conveyed to Sam^l hurly, 28 Sept. 1726.

Vol. 3, p. 453. Beniamen finch sen^r of Greenwich sold 23 Sept. 1729.

Vol. 3, p. 361. Joseph Finch Ju^r of Greenwich agrees with my brother-in-law Joseph Clos Exequitar to Estate of his honored father Leat Deseased . . . for £20 besides what I have allredy Resaued from Estate of Thomas Close . . . discharges (the Executor). 3 Dec. 1709.

Vol. 3, p. 419. Beniamen finch Junr of Greenwich sold to Justus Bush, 1 Jan. 1728.

Vol. 3, p. 557. Elisabeth Finch of Greenwich leases to son Nathanill Finch during her natural life. 11 Mar. 1729/30.

Vol. 4, p. 58. Abraham Benidick, Thomas Hoit and Ebnezar Picket with our wiffs Rebeca mary Elisabeth of Danbery, and Nathanill Finch Nathanill Lockwood with our wiues hanah and Ruth, and Prudine Knapp of Greenwich . . . all Legatees in will of Honoured father Timothy Knapp of Greenwich Deseased . . . convey to Jzarell Knapp. 27 Feb. 1733.

Vol. 4, p. 83. Mercy Finch Widow to Leftenant Samull Finch desesed of Greenwich conveys to Isaac Holms of Green-

wich . . . land on Right of hur desesed father Jonathan Whelply. Apr. 1734.

Vol. 4, p. 89. Nathaniel Finch of Greenwich conveys to Joseph Knap of Greenwich, land set unto my wife by Joseph Knap Leat of s^d Greenwich Desesed. (hannah finch also signed.) 28 Feb. 1733/4.

Vol. 4, p. 274. Ebenezer Finch of Greenwich conveys to Nathaniell Finch of Greenwich, right in mother's thirds set out to her from ye esteat of my honoured father Joseph Finch Decs^t Leat of Greenwich. 18 Feb. 1735/6.

Vol. 4, p. 486. Jonathan finch and wife Abigall dafter to water Buttler Dec^d of Greenwich, sold land inherited from her father, 31 Mar. 1738.

Vol. 5, p. 109. Abigell Finch of Greenwich conveys to my brother Nathaniell Finch of Greenwich, all right in land . . . nere y^e Dweling hous of Joseph finch . . . that did belong to estate of my honoured father Joseph finch Dec^d. 1 Feb. 1742.

Vol. 6, p. 406. Nathaniell finch of Greenwich (joined by wife Hannah) sold to Justus Bush, 12 Dec. 1745.

Vol. 6, p. 413. Jabez finch leat of y^e town of Greenwich conveys to Nathaniell finch of y^e same place, all right in humsted y^t was my honoured fathers Decest . . . and in lands set to my honoured mother.

Vol. 7, p. 7. Jonathan Lockwood Jr. of Greenwich and wife Marcy convey to brother Samⁿ Finch of Greenwich, right from estate of M^r Samuell Finch and his widow Mrs. Mary Finch of Greenwich. 7 Mar. 1749.

Vol. 7, p. 7. Samuell Finch of Greenwich conveys to brother Jeremiah Finch of Greenwich, right from estate of father Samuell Finch. 24 Mar. 1749.

Vol. 7, p. 8. Jonathan Garnsey and wife Deborah of Stamford, Conn., convey to Samuell Finch of Greenwich, right from estate of father Samuell Finch. 29 Apr. 1746.

Vol. 7, p. 427. Jeremiah Finch of Greenwich with wife Abigail, daughter of Abraham Rundal of Greenwich Dec^d . . . sell. 16 Mar. 1754.

Vol. 9, p. 175. John Finch of Stamford sold to Messenger Palmer of Greenwich, 30 Aug. 1763.

Vol. 10, p. 61. John Finch of Stamford conveyed to Ebenezer Peck of Greenwich, 20 acres in Greenwich, 21 June 1770. Witnesses, Abigail Bostwick, Abigail Bostwick Jun^r.

Vol. 11, p. 22. Nathan Finch of Greenwich conveyed to sons Jonathan and Nathan, Jr., 10 Feb. 1778.

Vol. 11, p. 41. Thaddeus Lockwood and wife Sarah, Jonathan Finch Jr. and wife Deborah, Peter Moe and wife Theodosia, all of Greenwich, Samⁿ Smith and wife Betty, of Stamford, Conn., convey to Jeremiah Mead of Greenwich, land in Stanwich. 30 Oct. 1780.

Vol. 11, p. 309. Jonah Todd of New Milford, Conn., Abraham Todd and Oliver Todd of Manor of Cortlandt, Westchester County, N. Y., Mary Waring of Bedford, Westchester County, N. Y., and Lewis Holly, Hannah Rundall, Caleb Finch and wife Mabel, all of Greenwich, children of Rev. Mr. Abraham Todd of Greenwich dee'd, convey to Nehemiah Mead Jr. of Greenwich. 30 Apr. 1778.

Vol. 12, p. 284. Ezekiel Finch of Greenwich to son Ezekiel Finch of Stamford. 3 May 1788.

Vol. 12, p. 285. Ezekiel Finch of Greenwich to son Jonathan Finch of Greenwich. 3 May 1788.

Vol. 13, p. 1. Ezekiel Finch sells to Isaac Finch. [3] May 1788.

Vol. 13, p. 506. Isaac Finch of Greenwich leases to father Ezekiel Finch of Greenwich land in Society of Stanwich, for life of Ezekiel and his wife Esther. 3 May 1788.

Vol. 13, p. 507. Ezekiel Finch of Stamford to father Ezekiel Finch of Greenwich; if mother Esther Finch should be left a widow, she to have thirds. 3 May 1788.

[Numerous other deeds, not examined.]

XLVI. *Finch Soldiers in French and Indian War, New York Regiments*

David, 4 Apr. 1760, aged 18, cordwinder, b. "Labour" [sic].

Jacob, 20 Apr. 1759, aged 24, carpenter, b. Conn.

James, 15 Mar. 1759, aged 18, labourer, b. Goshen; 31 Mar. 1760, aged 19, labourer, b. Orange County.

Jeremiah, 11 Apr. 1758, aged 30, joyner, b. Greenwich.

Jesse, 3 Apr. 1759, aged 18, weaver, b. Conn.

John, 20 Apr. 1762, aged 17, labourer, b. New England.

Nathaniel, 10 Apr. 1759, aged 18, labourer, b. Dutchess County; 1 May 1761, aged 21, labourer, b. Oblong.

Samuel, 1 May 1760, aged 35, labour, b. Conn.

Solomon, 23 Nov. 1763, aged 24, farmer, b. Orange County.

William, 30 Apr. 1761, aged 18, labourer, b. Westchester County.

Also, Symon, in Col. Richard Ingoldesby's Co., 1713.

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XLVII. *Southbury (Conn.) Congregational Church Records*

Jeremiah Finch and Hannah Strickland, m. 30 June 1773.

XLVIII. *Dutchess County (N. Y.) Tax Lists, (partial)*

Jacob Finch. Beekman's, Feb. 1743/4.

——— Finch. Crum Elbow, June 1746.

Jacob Finch. Southern, Feb. 1746/7, June 1747, Feb. 1747/8, June 1748.

Jabish Finch. Crum Elbow, Feb. 1746/7, June 1747, Feb. 1747/8, June 1753.

[Lists from Feb. 1748/9 to June 1752 missing.]

Benjamin Finch, Crum Elbow, Feb. 1753, June 1753.

Abram Finch, Crum Elbow, Feb. 1753, June 1753.

Solomon Finch, Crum Elbow, Feb. 1753, June 1753.

Jacob Finch, Southern, Feb. 1753, June 1753.

Jabez Finch, Crum Elbow, Feb. 1759.

Ben Finch, Crum Elbow, Feb. 1759.

Abram Finch, Crum Elbow, Feb. 1759.

Solomon Finch, Crum Elbow, Feb. 1759.

Isaac Finch's Wid^w, Southern, June 1760.

Jacob Finch Jun^r, Southern, Feb. 1761.

Jabish Finch, Charlotte, June 1769, 1774.

Solomon Finch, Charlotte, June 1769, 1774.

Benjamin Finch, Amenia, June 1769.

Jeremiah & Jess Finch, Amenia, June 1769.

Isaac Finch, Charlotte, 1774.

Abraham Finch, Amenia, 1774.

Ebenezer Finch, Beekman's, 1774.

Caleb Finch, North East, 1779.

[Courtesy of W. Herbert Wood, Elbridge, N. Y.]

XLIX. *Finch Heads of Families, Connecticut Census, 1790*

(The first figure is males over 16 including head of household; the second figure is males under 16; the third figure is females.)

Danbury, Fairfield County

Jacob, 2-1-3

Nathaniel, 1-1-4

Peluk, 1-2-2

Greenwich, Fairfield County

Ezekiel, 1-0-1

Isaac, 1-1-1

Jonathan, 2-3-7

Jonathan Jr., 4-1-1

Nathaniel, 3-3-2

Timothy, 3-3-3

Timothy Jr., 1-0-4

William, 1-3-2

William N., 1-1-3

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